Government backs down in MI5 case

The Government backed down yesterday in the MIS court hearing in Sydney after legal advice and decided to show the judge, "for his eyes only", certain crucial sensitive documents, which the defence counsel claim are relevant to the case involving the former security service officer, Mr Peter Wright.

The documents, which in-clude memos and letters be-

tween Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General, and Sir Thomas Hetherington, the Director of Public Prosecutions, will be shown to Mr Justice Powell in the New Sonth Wales Supreme Court today, to enable him to make a judgement judgement on Government's position.

The documents all refer to the decisions made by Government legal officers in 1981 not to serve injunctions to stop the publication of two books oo MI5 by authors, Mr Chapmao Pincher and Mr

In the Australian court, Mr Malcolm Turnbull, the defence counsel, has demanded to see the documents because he claims that the Govern-ment has been inconsistent in its attitude towards these earlier books and Mr Wright's book, The Spy Catcher.

Tomorrow

Free my people



Released Soviet human rights campaigner Yuri Orlov argues that the West must make public and persistent its determination to link arms control progress to greater freedom in the Soviet Union

 The Times Portfolio Gold daily competition prize of £8,000, double the usual amount because no one won on Saturday, was shared yesterday by five readers. Details, page 3.

Portfolio list, page 33; how to play. information service, page 28.

TIMES BUSINESS Profits double

News Corporation, the film, television and publishing group, which includes The Times, The Sunday Times, News of the World and the Sun, more than doubled pretax profits to £49.56 million in the quarter to September 30

What's in a name? How much is a computer project manager worth? The title can be misleading

Computer Harizons, 19-21 TIMES SPORT

Council anger

John Smith, the chairman of the Sports Council, bas broken with tradition and written a letter of complaint to Mrs Thatcher over the decisioo by the Government not to increase grants in line with inflation Page 56



chael Havers and Sir Patrick
Mayhew, the Solicitor-General, the Government has
decided to embark on a new made available to the defence

counsel, oo the grounds of "public interest immunity."
Government legal sources explained yesterday that this phrase covered not just matters of national security but also confidentiality and it was



Justice Powell necessary for the judge to see

the documents for himself. One. source said: "If he decides against us, then we will have to consider what step to make next."

According to sources, the documents to be shown to the udge contain certain elements that would damage national security if made public.

It has already been admitted that Sir Michael Havers made the decision not to serve an injunction to stop the publica-

As The Times revealed

After advice from Sir Mi- lished to ask for copies to be

Sir Robert wrote in his letter to Mr William Armstrong, managing director of Sidgwick and Jackson: "I can underlegal argument, that these and Jackson: "I can under-documents should not be stand your need and wish to protect the confidentiality of the book until publication date. I can assure you that, if you are able to comply with my request, that confidentiality will be strictly observed, that the copies will not go outside this office and the Prime Minister's office..."

Apart from the sensitive documents to be shown to the judge, the Government has also decided that a few other ones can now be handed over to the defence counsel. They also relate to the decisions about the books by Mr Pincher and Mr West hut do not contain anything which would damage national

Sangster's

trainer out

after bad

season

By Michael Seely

most successful National

Hunt trainer in recent years,

has been sacked by Mr Robert

Sangster, the owner and foot-

ball pools millionaire, after a

disastrous flat racing seasoo

when the stable bad only four

Mr Sangster last night de-

scribed the break-up as "the end of a dream. You could say

relatioos. He and I just do not

Mr Dickinson, aged 36, who

in March 1983 trained the first

five home in the Cheltenham

Gold Cup, took over the lavish Manton stables in Wilt-

shire in 1984 to prepare to

repeat his success oo the flat.

But, after a year spent touring the world, including four trips to the United States,

to examine training methods,

1986, his first year, was nota-hly unsuccessful for Mr

Dickinson and Mr Sangster,

the leading owner for five of

the last 10 years.

They had only four wins from more than 40 horses.

Mr Dickinson, who had 40

two year-old horses in the

stable, needed at least one

season to develop their ability

and, in spite of oumerous rumours and denials, it comes

as a surprise to the racing world that he has been sacked

Mr Sangster said earlier this year: Michael's brilliant

record speaks for itself. I am

not worried about the trainer

best horses - without the ammunition be cannot be

expected to fire winning

But staff were also said to

have heen nohappy at Manton, which was run like

an army camp with security

Mr Dickinsoo worked his

Yesterday, sources close to

Mr Baker discouoted reports

that he was ready to make a

Instead, he will ask Mr

Pearman why the employers and the unions have not

responded to his plea last week for them to "think

again" and meet his criteria

covering overall cost and

counter offer.

guards and strict discipline.

"I just want him to get the

so quickly.

or establishment.

see eye to eye any more."

Mr Michael Dickinson, the

security.
The Government's case is that there are now three types of documents in the Wright affair: Those that are relevant but not sensitive and can be given to the defence counsel those that are covered by legal professional privilege and those that the Government believe should be covered by public interest immunity.

Yesterday, Mr Turnbull said that one of the documents he wanted was the MI5 file on Mr Pincher, whom he claims was used by official sources to release sensitive information or was an agent of MI5.

Mr Pincher said yesterday he had never been a paid agent tion of Mr Pincher's book, of MI5, although there was Their Trade is Treachery, in one occasion for about two oce occasioo for about two months when a KGB officer was trying to recruit him, and yesterday, Sir Robert Arm- he had an MIS controller who strong the Cabinet Secretary, he took out to lunch to tell wrote to the publishers of the him what had passed between book, Sidgwick and Jackson, them. "But I always paid for three days before it was pub. the lunch, "he said.

force football card

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

The Government is pre-pared to bring in legislation to force football clubs to allow campaigning stroogly against

ship card only.

This is likely to be done by adding new powers to the Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Bill, due to be introduced in the Commons early in December; which brings in the programmendabrings in the recommendations of the Popplewell Inquiry into the Bradford fire. It is not yel been decided whether the 100 per cent

by the clubs. been closely involved in the campaign to clean up English football since the Heysel Sta-dium disaster in May 1985 and is believed to be concerned about the effect of hooliganism on England's reputa-

tioo abroad. Government ministers are known to be worried by recent riots outside stadiums in Shrewsbury, Darlington, Torquay and Middlesbrough.

They are also disappointed hy the lack of adequate anti-

By Nicholas Wood Political Reporter

A trial of strength between

the Government and the big-

gest and most militant of the

gest and most infinitation of teaching mions over pay was looking increasingly likely last night after Whitehall sources made it clear that Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education and Science, is a mood for substantial

in no mood for substantial

He will spell out his pos-

ition tomorrow at a meeting it will coincide with strikes in

entry to games by member compulsory membership ship card only. professional football in Eng-

Much of the credit for better behaviour on the terraces is being attributed to installation of closed-circuit televisioo at vulnerable grounds.

Mrs Thatcher, Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, and Mr Richard Tracey, the Sports Minister, are said to membership schemes should feel strongly about the contibe run on a national basis or nuing threat to public order from foutball hooligans oo The Prime Minister has public transport and in town centres which ties up thousands of police officers every

> Officially the Government is still coosidering the League's report and talks are continuing between the two. But the League is proposing club schemes which will mean only 70 per cent of entrants will be members—so that casual spectators will not be bar-

Mr Tracey has admitted Continued on page 28, col 2

Baker gets tough with the teachers

If, as expected, Mr Pearman

stands by the Acas agreement signed by four of the six unions last Friday, Mr Baker

is likely to go to Cabinet on

Thursday and gain approval for imposing a settlement

legislative difficulties and will

be bitterly opposed by the

Such a move is fraught with

with Mr John Pearman, leader of the Labour-controlled local authority employers. schools and strong action by the biggest union, the National Umon of Teachers.

Tory attack on Thatcher's plan to cut food mountain By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

CAP, the 71-strong Conser-

After an emergency meeting

of the group, the MPs said in a

scheme as a costly nonsense

and a device to run away from

the problem of overproduc-

see how spending of public money could be justified for

paying farmers for producing nothing unless there is some

proof that the resources might

be needed some day.

"For a start, it is difficult to

tioo instead of solving it. .

Tariff war

Sour milk

Sinking below the waves: Only the forehead mast and superstructure of the stricken Kowloon Bridge remained above the

water yesterday while the iron ore carrier was being pounded oo the Stags Rocks off the west coast of Ireland.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher's ning to launch a savage attack radical plan to rid the Euro- on the Community's out of pean Community of its £8.7 control spending and the billion food mountains by taking farming land out of vative European Reform production was dismissed as a Group said the "set "costly oonsense" by an in-fluential group of Conser-vative MPs at Westminster overproduction.

As disclosed in The Times yesterday, the Prime Minister statement:"We regard such a will propose at an EEC summit in London next month that farmers in Britain and the rest of Europe should reduce it was a personality clash, an irretrievable breakdown in the land they use for growing food by 20 per cent in an attempt to end the food surplus crisis, which is underming the Common Agri-cultural Policy and is threaten-

> But on the eve of a Commons debate last night on next year's EEC budget, during which many Tories were plan-

> > From Andrew McEwen

Diplomatic Correspondent

ing to bankrup! the

Plea for a real common market

The Prime Minister has written to the heads of government of Britain's II EEC partners asking them to help her transform it into a genuine

asks each government to drop objections to a package of 13 internal market measures.

Mrs Thatcher's hope is that the London EEC summit on December 5 and 6 will strip in name only.

Early birds

in British

Gas sale

The first completed applica-

away some of the barriers preventing the 12 from trading freely.

If successful, the package would be an important initial step towards the EEC's objective of 300 such measures by 1992 - the self-imposed dead-

her transform it makes.

common market.

Her letter, revealed yesterday at a meeting of the EEC
dramatic, ranging from common standards on testing
mon standards on testing the construction of industrial trucks, the measures would help remove the stigma that

the EEC is a common market

The 13 measures were chosen because each has wide support with poly one or two

set aside scheme for redun-

dant shipyards, engineering factories or coal mines, they

would be accused of being flat

earthers or Scargill-type

Where such schemes of

taking land out of use had

been tried, they had oot solved

the problem of over-

production, the statement continued. We see it as a

device to spend hillions on

paying people to do nothing which will buy, at best, a

respite of overproduction for

only a very few years.
"With production yields

bound to continue to increase,

or more per cent of remaining

land will be producing sur-

Mr Teddy Taylor, Conser-vative MP for Southend, East,

and the group's secretary, said

the only way to save British

Cootmoed on page 28, col6

pluses once again."

withio a brief period the 80

countries objecting. Mrs Thatcher's appeal is that as no country is being asked to sacrifice any vital interest, the time to trade off concessions has come.

Early in Britain's presidency a coordinating group of senior officials was set up, but now time is running out with far less achieved than had been

Whitehall's analysis is that the problem is a lack of political will.

Barclays pull-out under attack

By Philip Webster and Richard Thomso

Conservative MPs yesterday launched a strong at-tack on the decision by Barclays Bank to pull out of South Africa, one of them calling it an act of moral and commercial cowardice.

As the opposition parties welcomed the move, the criticism from the Conservative backbenches went beyond those MPs who have been most vociferous in opposing economic sanctions.

Mr Teddy Taylor, MP for Southend East, suggested that people banking with Barclays should consider withdrawing their accounts in protest.

Barclays is the first big British company to divest its domestic South African husiness. It is set to realize a book loss of more than £40 million on the sale of its holding in Barclays National, the South African Bank.

Sir Timothy Bevan, Barclays's chairman, announced yesterday that the sale was worth £80 million. But ex-change rate adjustments mean that the holding is valued at millions of pounds less than it was at the end of last year.

Barclays's holding in Barnat is being sold to the South African bank's other main shareholders - Anglo-American, De Beers and Southern Life Association.

Mr Michael Grylls, chairman of the backbench industry committee, said that it was a disappointing development because Barclays had a good record of encouraging

Sale loss

the training of blacks and encouraging black entrepren-eurs through the banking system. "The anti-apartheid campaigners have shot themselves

in the foot over this." Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark MP for Birmingham Selly Oak, said: The saddest thing is that a bank of Barclays distinction has allowed itself to be blackmailed by bullies. Those bullies will do more harm to the black population than anything else.

Mr John Carlisic, secretar of the all-party British-South Africa parliamentary group, said: "It bodes ill for the future of multi-racial society in South Africa."
Mr Taylor said it was an act

of "appalling moral and commercial cowardice". He went on Those concerned about the future of South Africa and the ending of apartheid should now seri-ously think about removing their accounts from Barclays." The Prime Minister was

said yesterday to regard Barclays' decision as a commercial one. She may be pressed by Tory MPs in the Commons today to condemn it, but is unlikely to do so.

staff and himself incessantly and was trainer, estate manager and huilding manager, simultaneously, as he tried to produce a successful stable. He has a meticulous atten-Continued on page 28, col 5

ions for British Gas shares have started to arrive, although the prospectus was not published until today. Almost a million copies of the mini prospectuses were

delivered in Saturday's post to customers who had registered for the guaranteed allocation. National Westminster, the leading receiving bank, said that more than 12 completed forms had been returned to its main London branch yes-

More than one million British Gas shares changed hands yesterday in the "grey" mar-ket, with a price of 61p quoted for the 50p partly-paid shares.

Meanwhile, the Stock Exchange said that eight City firms have so far registered to make a market in British Gas shares when dealings start oo

December 8.

Prospectus, pages 35-50 Quick response, page 29 Market report, page 31

28 years' jail for drugs boss

By Stewart Tendler Crime Reporter

One of Britain's higgest drug traffickers began a record 28year prison sentence last night taking with him the secrets of the fortune he is thought to have earned leading a £200 million heroio ring.

Paul Dye was sentenced at the Ceotral Criminal Court yesterday to two consecutive sentences of 14 years apiece. He had made vast profits from an organization which snuggled 40 to 50 kilos of heroin from Pakistan over two

and a half years. Judge Rant, QC, told Dye, a company director and former secondhand car salesman, that he was "devious, greedy and utterly unscrupulous". The judge also fined him £200,000. Customs investi-

gators believe that other money is buried in untraced Swiss bank accounts.
Full report, page 7



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Dial-a-debate could clear sible iotroduction of what would empty the chamber still By Martin Fletcher from the Sound Broadcasting



Political Reporter

The back benches of the House of Commons, already conspicuously empty during all but the most important debates, could in the future be practically bare.

Moves are afoot which would enable MPs to listen to debates from the comfort of their offices.

According to the minutes Sound Broadcasting Select Committee meeting in May. Sir Philip Goodhart, the has committee chairman, been authorized to discuss were split between those who record all or part of a debate with British Telecom the pos- argued that such a system

would amount to a Dial-a-Debate service, available to both MPs and the public.

The move comes in the wake of the committee's failure to secure backing for the idea of a system which would allow MPs alone to listen to debates from their offices through their internal

The proposal was put to the Commons Services Commitreleased yesterday of a private tee last February, and rejected on the casting vote of the chairman, Mr John Biffen, Leader of the House. The members themselves

further, and those who argued that it would do the opposite by alerting MPs to interesting developments. Sir Philip yesterday refused

to disclose what progress he had made with British Telecom, merely advising The Times to "keep in touch". It is understood, however, that considerable obstacles

would have to be overcome before a Dial-a-debate system could be made available to the At present any outside broadcast unit that wants to

Committee. Were anyone able to record a debate, control on its uses

would disappear and MPs might find their words of wisdom being regurgitated in such undesirable contexts as satirical television shows. The question would arise of whether British Telecom.

which would be making a

profit from the service, should

have to pay a fee either to the

Commons itself, which provides the material, or to the

has to first get permission

MPs are now informed of what is going on in the chamber through closed-circuit televisinn screens.

NEWS SUMMARY

Three held after PC falls to death

Detectives launched a marder inquiry yesterday after a police constable plunged 50 feet to his death as he struggled with a suspect at a block of flats in Stoke-on-

PC John Taylor, aged 26, smashed through a plate glass partition of a stairwell on the fifth floor of the flats as he grappled with the man.

PC Taylor, who married his wife, Angela, a woman police constable only a year ago, died from multiple injuries. It was revealed last night that his wife is expecting their first child early in the New Year.

Yesterday, detectives were waiting at the hospital to question the other man who fell. Two other men were arted at the scene are are expected to be charged today.

Wapping action call

Leaders of four print unions yesterday urged the powerful inner cabinet of the TUC, the Finance and General Purposes Committee, to conform to a decision taken by the annual conference in September and re-open disciplinary moves against the electricians' union whose members work

for News International at Wapping.

The meeting, at which the union representatives said they were armed with "fresh evidence" about the role of the Elecwere armed with "Hesir evaluates" and a the loss of the Union trical, Electronic Telecommunication and Plumbing Union in the dispute, came as the £58 million offer of termination payments to 5,140 former News International employees expired.

Parliament, page 4.

Leyland cuts jobs appeal

Leyland Vehicles are to make 100 of the 1,300 workers reduodant at Multipart, its parts operation plant at Chorley in Lancashire, by next Feb-

The company made a net loss of more than £100 million last year, and for-eign demand, particularly from Africa, is continuing

Leyland Vehicles said that it was hoped that the redundancies would mainly voluntary.



Best's diaries

Bamber

sentences last menth for the murder of five members

of his family yesterday lodged notice of appeal against his convictions with

the Court of Appeal in

The appeal papers alleged misdirection by Mr Justice Drake at the

Chelmsford Crown Court

trial. They will be considered by a High Court judge, sitting in private, who will decide whether an appeal is

It was agreed in the High It was agreed in the High Coort yesterday that £10,000 of the estimated £30,000 which George Best, aged 40, of Oakley Street, Chelsen, London, the former Manchester United and Northern Ireland football international, is to be paid by The San for his diaries should go to his trustee in bankruptcy.

Women's sea plunge Two women drove off a ferry linkspan into the sea despite being told that they had just missed a sailing, an in-

quest heard today.

The hearing at Ryde, on the Isle of Wight, was told that
Mrs Elleeu Bond, aged 42, and Mrs Deborah Emmerton,

aged 23, missed the departing car ferry, from Fishbourne, by between six and eight feet. PC Kevin Guard said the women, both from Twick-

enham, south-west London, were told to wait for the next ferry. The inquest was adjourned until January 27.

Labour law needs

stability, CBI says

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

The Coofederatioo of Britett, the director general, said ish Industry has again openly that a Labour Government

criticized the proposed labour would mean a return to "the law reforms of the Opposition slit trenches" of the 1970s.

Labour, Liberal or Social Party proposals would involve Democratie Party policies that a radical shift in the balance of

agency.

The report says that Labour

power io industrial relations.

about the SDP and Liberal parties' proposals to "institutionalize" worker involvement. Participation

deals would have to conform

to law and be ratified by an

The report adds that the CBI has consistently endorsed

the Government's step by step

approach towards industrial

The CBI is also worried

parties. There is oothing in Labour, Liberal or Social

give comfort to employers, it

In its latest employment affairs repurt, the CBI emphasizes the view of com-

panies that a period of stabil-

ity is most favoured, with no

fresh legislation or rescinding

nf existing laws.
CBl leaders made it elear at

their annual conference earlier

this month that employers

were united in particular

against the Labour Party's

Couple win 'hollow' island home victory

A couple won the right to live in their own home yesterday six years after they sold it when prosecuted for failing to leave (Our Legal Affairs Consequently writted)

Government that one of the wanted and would help no one, he said.

On the second claim, which has been found defective, he relevant protocol has never to leave (Our Legal Affairs been applied to the Channel to leave the requirement written applied to the Channel to leave the requirement that one of the said would help no one. The said that they would one, he said.

On the second claim, which has been found defective, he residents and spend the requirement that one of the said. Correspondent writes).

The European Court of Human Rights ruled that Guernsey's rigid housing laws had been too harshly applied on Mr Joseph Gillow and his wife Yvonne.

But the victory ruling against the Government was bollow: the court did not criticize the housing laws as such and the couple will only regain the residence qual-ifications they originally had. The court also accepted a last-minute submission by the

The oversight, discovered by government lawyers in the past few weeks, means that the Gillows' claim that their right to respect for property has been violated cannot be

Mr Gillow said: "We are relieved to get a ruling but disappointed that the court supported a law which is archaic and unfair. The court had in practical terms done "exactly what Guernsey

business of denying people

human rights. Both claims had been upheld unanimmously before the European Commission on Human Rights, before the technical loophole was spotted, and they would have won 'hands down' if protocol one applied to the whole of Great

Mr Gillow said that he and his wife still had criminal convictions; and so far as house. In 1960, they went many people in Guersey were abroad because of Mr Gillow's

residents and spend the req-uisite oumber of years before they had permanent resident

They would also consider compensation for the cost of bringing the case, which they have done alooe, and for the sale of their house following their criminal prosecution for £33,000, which they claim was below the market price.

many people in Guersey were abroad because of Mr Gillow's Government's du concerned, were treated as job with the United Nations out to the court.

and did not return for 20 years. During that time the housing law was changed and they lost their rights.
Yesterday the Home Office

said that it was consulting with the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man to see if they wished that protocol one of the European Convention on tended to them.

too late in the proceedings that The couple moved to the protocol did oot cover Guernsey in 1957 and built a Guernsey; but once discovthe protocol did oot cover cred it had been the Government's duty to point it

Child case judge tries informal

hopks

hat kil

approach
Counsel, count officients
and ushers were ordered to remove all legal apparel vesterday, in an attempt to create Human Rights should be ex- a relaxed atmosphere at an ndecency trial involving two A spokesman said that it girls aged seven and eight was "extremely unfortunate" (Our Legal Affairs Correspondent writes).

As lawyers left wigs and sowns outside, prison officers and police removed their tunics and Mr Justice McNeill stepped off the beach - minus wig and robe - and sat at a desk normally occupied by the clerk in the smallest of

Cardiff's crown courts. Minutes before the trial was due to start the defendant, a park keeper, aged 31, changed his plea to guilty but the judge requested that the juross, nevertheless, be brought ioto

The judge told them: "You may have been surprised when you came into court to find yourselves expected to try a criminal case in an at-mosphere that lacks the usual formalities of such pro-

"You may have heard of the public concern about young children in a case like thisnowadays called a form of child abuse - having to give evidence in circumstances of formality in a big public court.
"I decided, in this case, it

would be right to put aside as much formality as possible." He said the two little girls had been shown the empty courtroom a week ago and he had intended that they should have given their evidence alongside him.

The judge, referring to pro-posals for making changes in the law to allow children to be questioned in recorded interviews to be shown to the jury, said other countries were try-ing to see that children could give evidence in a more relaxed atmosphere.

He hoped the method he

was adopting would be a useful contribution to public discussion on the matter. The defendant, Derek Phil-

bips of Ely, Cardiff, was sent to prisoo for seven years for what the judge described as a thoroughly disgusting series of offences.

Call for physics : teachers

coping

By Our Education

Britain oeeds 2,500 more physics teachers immediately to alleviate growing shortages oo the crisis in higher education was told yesterday.

Professor Paul Black, the president of the Association of Science Education, was speaking to representatives from 51 universities, polytechnics and

colleges.
The conference in London was in response to a consultative document issued by the Department of Educatioo in the summer which highlighted the grave problems affecting

A total of 359 vacancies existed in physics at the start of this year compared with 252 for 1982. In craft design and technology, the oumber of vacancies rose from 114 in 1982 to 201 at the start of the

The conference was told that many science teachers have no relevant qual-ifications. Professor Black said that 18 per cent of physics teachers now fell into that category. Fewer teachers led to poorer work in schools, declining oumbers of science graduates, and hence even fewer teachers.

Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, chairman of the University Grants Committee, said that the committee welcomed universities efforts to excourage entrants to mathematics and physics courses. He was responding to fears that the committee might penalize institutions which considered lowering entry requirements in those subjects

for prospective teachers. He said: "I want to make it clear that universities which act in this way will not be put at any disadvantage by doing so."He added that the committee, starting in the academic year 1987-88, would be setting aside £1 million a year for increasing the supply of science teachers in schools and would be inviting bids from the universities in the near future.

Polly Toynbee

Diplomat wins sex bias claim against FO

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A woman diplomat who grade as consul general in started legal proceedings for uolawful discrimination against the Foreign Office has won ber claim that the min-constructive outcome." istry was wrong to deny her a

after a decision by the Foreign Office last April to withdraw her proposed posting to Lusaka as deputy high commis-sioner io the political section.

The reason given, according to her solicitors, Bindmans, was that the second secretary was already a woman and that, "an all-female political section would be operationally ineffective in the conditions of a male-dominated society, which the Foreign Office considered Zambia to

The job has since been given to a man. But in terms of settlement released yesterday the Foreign Office admits that while acting in good faith its decision to abandon Mrs Rogerson's proposed posting to Lusaka was mistaken and cannot be reconciled with the Sex Discrimination Act.

It expresses regret for "the distress suffered by her as a result of the abandonment of the posting to Lusaka" and is re-examining its procedures for posting officers abroad, in the light of the experience gained in the present case, to ensure breaches of the Act do

The terms of settlement High Commission post in Zambia her because it was a "male-dominated society".

Mrs Sue Darliog Rogerson's elaim under the Sex Discrimelaim under the Sex Discrimelaim under the Sex Discrimelaim and the Sex Discriment of Act 1975 was brought to develop the Cambiography to develop the Cambiography and the ination Act 1975 was brought employer to develop the career of each member of the diplomatic service on the basis of individual merit irrespective of sex.

She also accepts it recognized it had an obligation to ensure her career did oot suffer because of the decisioo not to post to Lusaka. But both sides acknowledge

that the employment pro-visions of the Sex Discriminatioo Act "may not be easy to apply to the special circumstances of the diplomatie

Miss Felicity Crowther, her solicitor, said that she be-lieved the case was the first of a diplomat claiming unlawful discrimination. lo general the Foreign Office was aware of its responsibilities and was oot inherently discriminatory".

But evidence from a oumber of people both in Zambia and in the United Kingdom demonstrated that it was "a forward looking society where woman play an important

Woman were represented at In view of the Foreign

not occur.

Last night, Mrs Rogerson, aged 44, who has since taken up the offer of a post of equal

Office's admission of its "mistake", Mrs Rogerson is withdrawing ber complaint to the industrial tribunal.

trick of keeping plates in the air. You just juggle with patients to try to fit them all people with acre, children with warts and those worried in," says Dr Saleem Goolamali, a consultant dermatologist at Northwick Park Hospital, in morth-west about losing their hair.' Yet as the waiting list for

"It's like the old Japanese

National Health patients with hospital has grown longer and longer, he has come up with a novel idea to cut it at a stroke. On Saturday, December 6, he and his team of doctors and nurses will forego a day's wellcarned rest and fit in an extra

120 patients.
"Although I have already increased the number of weekly sessions at the hospital from four to six, this has not made a major impact on the waiting-list," he says. "So I

nity to show that there are National Health consultants who will put themselves out to help non-argent cases," he

Dr Saleem Goolamali with some of the patients' files that form part of an ever-growing bospital waiting list (Photograph: Mark Pepper).

Rest day goes to aid patients

By David Cross

all the routine complaints -

"These are not life and death cases but to the individfollow-up treatment.

Dr Geelamali has agreed to work from 9am to 5pm on in any case, open on December 6 without pay. As a

private consultant he could ears up to £40 for a single consultation in Harley Street. "It is a gesture to the commu-

day when we see people with will be paid for their services if

The other members of the team - four GPs with training in dermatology, four nurses and a registrar in the accident thought 'Let's have a special and emergency department -

cist on hand to give out prescriptions and the plan is that patients seen that day will not need to return for any No extra ancilliary staff will

they so desire.
There will also be a pharme

be required as the hospital is,

Dr Goolamali would like other specialists to follow his le. But he recognizes that dermatology is a special case. "We have a lot of routine cases which can be dealt with on the spot," he says. This is not the case with many other Ilnesses, he points out.

Yesterday Dr Goolamali dealt with 21 patients during his morning clinic and another 17 during the afternoon

None for the road this Christmas

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

The Government launches its Christmas drink-drive campaign tomorrow with an uncompromising appeal: if you are going to drive, do oot

The campaign, to be initi-ated by Mr Peter Bottomley, Minister for Roads and Traffic, will be in marked contrast with a previous one which attracted criticism.

That showed a glass with drink at the bottom and urged drivers to "stay low". Critics thought it incited people to

This time the message is unequivocally that drinking and driving is dangerous. It ties in with demands which will be made by a oew alliance of concerned bodies, Action oo Drinking and Driving, that Britain's 80mgs limit be reduced to 50mgs.

Io a policy statement yes-terday, the alliance said that most laboratory studies showed impairment occurred by 70mgs, but others had shown it to happen at still lower levels, between 10mgs and

The alliance also wants fully random testing. Its chairman Professor Brian Prichard. professor of clinical pharmacology at University College Hospital, London, said: "Every year the Government expresses concern about road safety by running a Christmas drinking campaign. Every year another 2,000 people die io drink-related road accidents.

"Random breath testing has been tried and tested abroad and shown to work." Christmas shopping, page

proposals. Sir Terence Beck-relations legislation.

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Woolworth plans children's stores By Alan Hamilton

specifically for children. The shops, to be called Kids Store, will aim to sell everything required by a child, from clothes and confectionery to toys and prams, from birth to early teenage years.

Mr Malcolm Parkinson, Woolworths' chief executive, said yesterday that the first of the process of revamping its

tail name, is planning a simi- group.

Education Reporter

students at Garth Hill Com-

prehensive was not algebra or even the sonnets of Shake-

speare, but the launch of a oew restaurant with the prospect of breakfast before their first

academic engagements.
Mr Stanley Goodchild, the

headmaster who pioneered the new scheme, said that it

was the first school in the

county and possibly in the country, to offer breakfast

Why was he pushing this nutrition revolution? Many

parents these days go off to

work early in the morning and

leave their children to get their

More often than not, chil-

dren don't bother and prefer

to stop at the sweet shop on the way to school," be said.

During several previous

years as a inspector, Mr Goodchild said he had con-cluded that schools often in-

sulted pupils by both the presentation and content of

business, using business

the food they provided.

before lessons.

own breakfast.

The High Street shopping lar chain under the name giant F W Woodworth is Children's World, but has planning to open a chain of opted for suburban superstore more than 100 stores catering sites. By offering a comprehen-

sive range of merchandise, as well as attractions like res-taurants and soda bars, Woolworth believes it can compete stroogly with established names in that growing specialist market, such as Mothercare The shops will offer parents

the chance fully to kit out their the shops would open next children all under one roof, Spring, and that all would be io town centre locations. At is part of an aggressive the moment the company is in marketing strategy adopted by Woolworth after the company mage. fought off a takeover bid from Boots, another familiar re-Dixons, the photographie





Kevin Fowles, aged 14, getting a taste of the restaurant at Garth Hill Comprehensive. techniques and that includes breakfast meant that tickets catering," he said.

The service had to be selffinancing and hence the new restaurant, to pull in the Garth Hill, which has 1,200

students in the 11-19 age bracket, already boasts a £200,000 industry-sponsored "A school needs to be run as computer centre. Anticipated demand

for the 212 seats had to be distributed at the end of last

week. They were snapped up within an hour. A quick glance at the meon suggested healthy eating at a reasonable price. No fried foods, wholemeal rolls, with a typical spot of

petit déjeuner being poached eas on toast with coffee.

"It's a really nice treat for us. It looks a bit like one of those burger bars," was the opinion of Lisa Bettell, aged

Lee Bryant, a first former, thought it was "smashing". "It gives you a chance to chat to your friends instead of being out in the cold in the playground," he said.

Warning on spray snowflakes

By Augella Johnson

Cans of artificial "snow flakes" aerosol sprays, being sold for decorating Christmas trees, could be lethal if sprayed near a naked flame, the British Safety Council said yesterday.

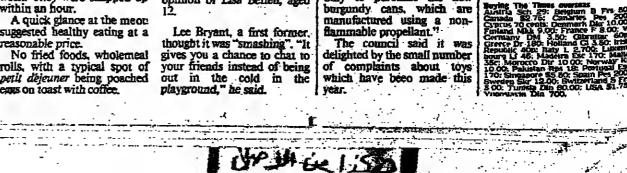
The council said the green cans of Snow Flakes, pinescented, which were marketed last year by Porth Decorative Products of South Wales, are highly flammable. The product is still for sale

in shops, despite the introdoction of a new burgundycoloured can which is labelled non-flammable. Mr James Tye, chairman of the council, said: "The

marketing company has withdrawn green cans, but unfortunately we have already found that some stores have kept their old stocks for this year. "I would advise anyone buying these novelty sprays only to purchase the new burgundy cans, which are manufactured using a non-flammable propellant."

The council said it was delighted by the small number of complaints about toys which have been made this

In our report on the Maxwell -Private Eye libel case on Sat-urday, November 22, we in-advertectly oamed Polly Toynbee as one of a number of journalists who had written stories for Private Eye. Miss Toynbee asks us to make clear that she has never at any time written for, or supplied information to, the magazine, and we apologize to her for the



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Shopkeepers deny selling solvents that killed boy, 14

Two shopkeepers were in 1985. A court official said it out in London yesterday was understood it was the first acting what was believed to be prosecution before a court Lee had replied: "I have got court in London yesterday facing what was believed to be the first case under a new Act forbidding the sale of solvents to children aged under 18 knowing they were likely to

Chandrakant Patel, aged 35, and Sureshbhai Patel, aged 23, both of St Stephen's Close, Southall, west London, denied the charges, which arose after the death of a boy aged 14 who inhaled and swallowed a typewriter correction fluid

from the dock in Tower Bridge Magistrates' Court so that an interpreter could hear the softspoken words of the first witness, Robert Walker, aged 12. He said he was with his friend, Lee Kendall, when Lee bought the fluid thinner in the Patels' shop only days before

Mr Chandrakant Patel pleaded not guilty to supply-ing Lee with the fluid between July 27 and August 6 knowing that he was under 18 and having reasonable cause to believe he was likely to inhale it. "for the purpose of intoxication".

He denied a charge of supplying the boy with the fluid on August 6.

Mr Sureshbhai Patel, described as a relation, pleaded not guilty to supplying the fluid to Lee oo August 4, with reasonable cause to believe he was likely to inhale it.

He also denied a charge that not being a British citizen, he disobeyed his permission to stay in the country, which expires oext February, by ectering into employment.

The solvent charges are brought under the Intoxicatunder the Act, which affects England and Wales.

Robert Walker said he and Lee went to the Patels' shop in Dunton Road, Southwark, where Lee bought three bottles of the fluid.

Robert, of Conway Drive, Banbury, Oxfordshire, who said he was visiting his grand-mother in Bermondsey, east London, at the time, described how he watched as Lee and "his mates" sat in the Spa Park near by and sniffed the

They tried to get me to take it, but I would not take it," he said. "They were taking it. They were acting strange. They were like all wobbling. It went on for about 10

He had returned from going to his grandmother's for lunch to find Lee and his friends sitting in an old hut sniffing the fluid, he said.

"I went and sat on one of the park benches. I waited half an hour and then Lee and his friend Crispin went to get some more fluid."

It was when they returned that he watched them wobbling, Robert said.

Later that day after doing a shopping errand for Mrs Ma-ria Kendall, Lee's mother, they were at Lee's home, and left after Lee had been upstairs to his bedroom. "He had something under his jumper. He showed me: it

was a red transistor radio. He had got it out of his bedroom," Robert said. He said the shop was

crowded but when most people had left the smaller of the ing Substances (Supply) Act two men in the shop said to today.

a good radio, it is good for listening to the cricket".

A price of £3 had been agreed, and the cash was handed to Lee who then pretended to look around the shop before selecting three bottles of the fluid thinner, and also asked for a single

"Lee put the fluid in his pocket and went round the corner and smoked the cigarette," Robert said.

Mr Lindsay Born, for prosecution, said one of the reasons why boys went to this particular shop, known as Terry's, was because they sold the fluid at 55p a bottle, which was cheaper than other shops in the area.

The fact that a transistor radio had been accepted effectively as payment for the three bottles bought on one occasion was "unusual", he added. A Walkman tape re-corder had been taken to the shop oo another occasion.

Mr Burn said it must have been apparent to both defendants that with Lee Kendall they were dealing with some-one obviously under the age of

Because of the quantities purchased, and exchanging goods for thefluid, the likelihood was that the boy wanted the product for inhalation and clearly did not want it for legitimate use, Mr Burn said.

On August 8 Lee Kendall died and the cause of death was the inhalation of the chemical from the fluid, Mr Burn said.

The hearing continoes



Caroline Lewis, aged 12, from the Wallace Field School, Epsom, Surrey, rehearsing yesterday on her cornet for the Schools Proms. She is one of 1,200 young musicians playing this week at the Albert Hall, London (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

General Medical Council

Jaffe juice 'highly addictive'

charge his own accountant

who reduced the former

owner's salary to £100 a week.

Salford, allegedly treated Mr

Watersoo, aged 49, who was

suffering from anxiety and depression over his family and

The drug used to make adjourned in August, has been "Jaffe juice", a concoction told that Dr Jaffe, a Mancheswith which a hypnotherapist ter doctor, gave Mr George allegedly injected a wealthy businessman op to five times a week, would have virtually

turned him into an auto-

That was alleged yesterday at a resumed General Medical Council disciplinary hearing in London where Dr Joseph Jaffe is accused of serious professional misconduct.

the drug was so addictive it made a dog used for experiments with it put up its paw to ask for more. The hearing, which was

The hearing was told that

business affairs, with barbiturate drug.

The drug, used by dentists Waterson five years of drug treatment and hypnotherapy and in hospitals as an initial anaesthetic, was described as for which he paid up to addictive and potentially dan-£60,000 after being referred by gerous by Professor John his own doctor. Robiosoo, a consultant anaesthetist from West Mid-In that time Mr Waterson's bicycle business which had been making £800,000 a year was ruined. Dr Jaffe put in lands Health Authority, who has contributed to two medi-

cal papers oo the drug. Dr Jaffe, aged 60, denies five charges of serious professional misconduct relatiog Dr Jaffe, a former mayor of his treatment of Mr

Waterson The hearing contioues

Solicitor is accused of stealing

lan Wood, the solicitor who faces a donble murder charge and one of attempted murder.

was yesterday accused of stealing £84,800. Mr Wood, aged 37, of Ughill Hall, Bradfield, Shef-

field, was remanded in custody for seveo days by Sheffield Magistrates' Court. He was accused of two charges of stealing. Mr Wood has already been

charged with the murders of Danielle Lloyd, his girl friend, and her daughter Stephanie. and the attempted murder of her son Christopher. Reporting restrictions were not lifted.

Portfolio —Gold— **Artist** draws a winner

Foor readers share yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of 28,000.

Mrs Phyllis Murray, aged 53, a part-time artist from Eastbourne, has played the Portfolio Gold game since it started in *The Tunes*.

"I am absolutely thrilled," she said. "I could not believe my luck. It is quite fantastic" She plans to spend most of her prize money on improve to her new flat. Mr George Benhow, aged 49, a schoolteacher from Up-

winnings on a new car.
Mr Allan Charlesworth,
aged 61, a retired airline
administrator, from Bollington, Macclesfield, said he would spend some of the prize money on "household this and invest the rest.

The other winner is Mrs Anne Preece, aged 30, the director of a medical clinic in

Readers who wish to play the game can obtain a Port-folio Gold card by sending a stamped addressed envelope to: Portfolio Gold.

The Times, PO Box 40, Risckburn.



Mrs Phyllis Murray

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Tug of love

Father jailed for kidnapping girl

A father who kidnapped his operation to reunite the girl daughter and flew her out of and her mother. Britain in a tug-of-love custody case was jailed at South- her former husband's parents' wark Crown Court, south home in Cairo and screamed

London, vesterday Her mother and her two brothers finally managed to was waiting outside with the snatch her back. But although engine running and when the the mother and her daughter, daughter dashed out they aged five, got away safely her picked her up and sped away, two brothers were jailed and. They dumped the car and

The Egyptian father had she and her daughter were fled to Cairo with the girl after driven across the desert to his wife, born in the Irish. Israel at a cost of £180. Republic, was given custody.

The father, an archaeologist were set upon by her former aged 32, was jailed for 18 husband's neighbours. Police mooths, 14 of them sus were called and the two men

The court heard that when the couple's marriage of four years broke up the gir's mother, aged 32, was granted custody and the father was not allowed to see his daughter.

But the mother took pity on her former husband and let the child stay overnight with him at his home in Maida Vale, north-west London. After three days she had not

seen or heard from either him or her daughter and finally rang his parents' home in Cairo. Mr Georges Khayat, for the prosecution, said: "She spoke

to him and could hear her daughter in the background. "The mother contacted an organization called Find A should not be identified. Child which funded her and

They flew to Cairo and then offences of indecently expos-

The mother rang the bell of out her child's name. A car, driven by a friend,

the mother hired a taxi and Meanwhile her two brothers

peoded, after admitting abducting his daughter on February 18, 1985.

The court heard that when

way to the Irish Embassy which arranged for them to fly

When the child's father returned to Britain he went to Harrow Road police station in west London and asked for help to get his daughter back. The officers knew he was a wanted man and arrested him on the spot, Mr Khayat said. Mr Khayat told the court that the girl was living happily

with her mother and had recovered from her ordeal. Judge Anwyl-Davies, QC, told the father: "To invoke love as you did is entirely against the interests of the child".

He ordered that the girl The court was told that in her two brothers to snatch the rebruary last year the father child back."

February last year the father was fined £150 for three

directed the sentences to run

total of 10 years for burglaries,

and who left their windows

His victims, aged between 24 and 45, were attacked between September 1984 and

January this year. Judge Lowry said that Messam had

begun the series of rapes when

rape: a woman alone in her

home surprised by an in-

truder. Each time you were

masked to evade detection. In

three cases you were armed with a knife."

their homes.

concurrently.

Messam was also given a

also to run concurrently.

carried out a carefully planned ing himself.

Winston Messam was sen-

tenced to 18 years in jail at the Central Criminal Court yes-

terday for four sex attacks on

flicted grave emotional scars" on his victims, whose homes

were selected as he jogged at night through resideotial

Three of Messam's victims

never went back to their

homes, the judge said.One

victim had gone abroad and another had been forced to

change her job because of fear of being alone with strangers.

"Anyone who watched those women re-living their

ordeal in the witness box

realised there must be grave

emotional scars inflicted on them: Each of their lives has

bern gravely affected by what you did," the judge said. He added: "My main con-cern must be the public, and in

perticular women. There has

been no sign of remorse and

anyone who knows of this case

women in West London.

'Jogging rapist' given 18-year jail sentences

Judge Lowry said that
Messam, of High Street, Action, west London, had inwomen who were cat lovers

Boy sentenced after £80,000 **DHSS** blaze

One of two boys aged 14 who admitted setting fire to the Department of Health and Social Security in Stanley Road, Liverpool, last March, causing £80,000 damag sentenced to two and a half years' detention yesterday.

Liverpool Crown Court wa told by Mr Ian Trigger, for the prosecution, that the fire was started deliberately on the ground floor by people cutting in through a fire door. The second boy was re-

manded on bail for reports. Awards for

nature work

Outstanding conservation achievements are to be recognized by a new national awards scheme, Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, announced

yesterday.
Under the scheme, the Royal Society for the Protec-tion of Birds Awards, sponsored by Esso UK, will honour contributions to wild bird and countryside conservation by individuals, industry and the

Driver killed by falling tree

An elm tree blown down by An elm tree blown down by a freak gust of wind, crashed a car killing Mr Anthony Marsh, aged 43, of Deans Farm, Wretton, Norfolk. His daughter, Emma, aged 10, was in hospital yesterday, scriously ill with head injuries.

Villagers in Methwold, Norfolk worked with chainsener.

folk, worked with chainsaw to free them from the wreckage. The tree, one of an avenue on the B1106, was due to be cut down this week.

'Be detectives' parents urged Parents have been urged to

turn detective on their chil-dren by Mr Barry Price, Chief Constable of Cumbria, as part

of a drug campaign.

Mr Price, who has promised an amnesty for young addicts reported by parents, said: "Searching a child's belong-ings is better than letting the dangerous habit continue"

Diabetic to get award

Harry Pearson, aged 73, one of the first diabetics to be given insulin after its discovery in 1922, is to be given an award after injecting himself with the drug 38,000 times.

he was only 18. A skilful burglar, he selected targets while out training. "You were not only looking Mr Pearson of Darley Avefor opportunities for theft, but nue, Matlock, Derbyshire. diagnosing where there were will be presented with a medal defenceless women alone in by the British Diabetic Association. "All these were extremely grave aggravated crimes of

Youth accused A teenager appeared before

magistrates in Lowestoft, Suffolk, yesterday accused of abducting a woman aged 34 and her two sons, aged three The judge said that Messam | and 11, at knifepoint is fearful of crimes you might commit in the future." stole from his victims and the future. " added to their fear and degradation by such comments as: "Are you enjoying the four rapes. Judge Lowry is?"

I no judge said unat Messam and 11, at knitepoint. Steven Cyprus, aged 19, of the Fyffe Centre, Lowestoft, was remanded in custody for the four rapes. Judge Lowry is?"

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Oil and gas industries 'in great difficulty'

OIL INDUSTRY

The oil industry was going through one of its most difficult first discovered off Britain's coast. Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, Minister of State for Energy, said in moving the second reading of the Petroleum Bill. Despite these problems it was important not to become too obsessed with the immediate

It was also necessary to look to the future of this industry and the challenges and problems it would have to face in the years

The industry was still very much in business. New develop-ments were still coming forward and he had considerable con-fidence of continuing activity

When no more oil or gas was a field the installations used to recover that oil and gas would still be in situ and it was necessary to make provision for what was to happen to them. This was the main matter tackled by the Bill,

The opportunity had also been taken to deal in the Bill with a number of other important issues.

Abandonment was not in any

practical sense an immediate problem. It would probably not be until the early 1990s that the first installation or structure came to the end of its life and actual steps had to be taken to remove it.

There were some 150 oil and gas installations on the United Kingdom continental shelf at present. As the industry would continue to develop for many decades to come that number would be likely to be added to

different installations to condifferent installations to consider. Some were fairly small and lightweight while others were giant, particularly the huge steel and concrete structures placed in water depths of up to 185 metres.

The heavy ones were mainly in the northern North Sea. In the southern basin were the smaller structures, weighing as little as 300 tonnes. Steel structures weighed up to \$8,000 tonnes and the concrete

ones, of which there were some 10 in the North Sea, weighed up 650,000 tonnes.
"This does illustrate the scale of the challenge which the industry and the Government has to face and which we

endeavour to address ourselves to in this Bill." volve buge sums of money. Estimates made in co-operation

with the oil industry in 1984 had shown that, in broad terms, total removal of structures in place would cost around £6 billion, a Deep water only contained a third of the structures yet it was

estimated that it might involve more than three quarters of the

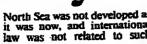
There was existing legislation which required the removal of structures in very general terms to the satisfaction of the Sec-retary of State. What was lack-ing under present legislation was any detailed framework to deal with the abandonment of plat-

forms and installations.

There was no provision to set standards, to deal with sub-mission and approval of removal plans, or to prevent default from removal obligations. The Bill sought to enable action in those general areas.

panies, the taxpayer, the ship-ping industry and fishermen had to be taken inun account and the strike a balance between them. Over the past year, a number of consultations had been under-

They had to ensure that the Bill's provisions were consistent with international ohligations. Certain obligations under the Geneva Convention of 1958 had been laid down when the



The situation was evolving and would continue to do so while the Bill went through. That was one reason why the Government had chosen the flexible framework of the Bill. The Bill would control the safe and orderly abandonment of installations, but did not itself set standards. That would be done by regulations.

tion about what international law at present required. The fishermen believed that it re-quired intal removal of installaquired intal removal of installa-tions no longer used, but that was not the Government's view.

The onus for removal of the installations rested with the owners, but using regulations made it easier to vary what might be required, in the light of experience and of any changes

in international law The Secretary of State would have power to draw up a programme for removal where the owner was unable or unwill-ing to do it, and could recover

the costs incurred. The Govern-ment had a responsibility to ensure that the interests of the country and the taxpayer were He was aware that some of companies believed that the provisions of the Bill were ton severe. They would consider

with the oil companies, whether there was a better way of achieving the objective, but the objective itself was a fair one. One provision being considered was that there might be a common fund to which the oil companies would make the major contribution.

major contribution.

They had been discussing such proposals, but as no specific programme had been brought forward, the Govern-The Bill also dealt with the question of royalties, up-dating the royalty regime and rationalizing procedures for royalty accounting and arbitration. It also provided an enabling power to allow repayment of royalties to make allowances for

abandonment costs. Power would also be given to the Secretary of State to prohibit the use or testing of any pipeline until specific steps had been taken by the owner of the pipeline to ensure that funds were available to discharge any lability for less or depress. liability for loss or damage.

Putting these matters on the statute book would provide the necessary legislative framework as well as concentrating the minds of everyone in the oil companies, supply industries, and the international relationships to the concentration of the conc and the international sphere, to

the problems. By a flexible approach, the Government would be able to react to changes in views, poli-cies and decisions, particularly at international level, as they evolved over the years and the first abandonment became

Mr Edward Rowlands, an Opposition spokesman on en-ergy, said that the Opposition understood the enormous and awesome implications of abandonment: technical, fiscal, financal, as well as the profound concern felt by many earning their living out of the North Sea.

This had to be considered against the search for a new internationally agreed set of standards and criteria, not only in relation to the North Sea but arising from major decisions made during the Law of the Sea Conference in 1982.

Abandonment involved not merely the installations, but vast tracts of pipeline on the scabed. That created an addi-

There were about 6,000 installarions scattered around the seas of the world, but the seas of the world, but the majority stood in waters less than 40 metres deep. Only 360, including 90 per cent of those on the United Kingdom continental shelf, stood in waters greater than 75 metres in depth, so it was right and responsible to address those problems as early







Mr Walker (left): Decision as soon as possible. Mr Goodlad: Meter trial promised. Mr Hunt: Investment level is justified.

in coal is queried A Labour MP questioned

changes in the accounting prac-tice of the National Coal Board after the announcement of record levels of investment in the British coal industry by this Government during Commons

questions. Mr Alexander Endie (Midlo-thian, Lab) asked whether two changes in accounting practice had been taken into con-

Mr David Hunt, Under-Sec-retary of State for Energy, said: What be has failed to appreciate is that, even if you lonk at the to-tal amount of investment under the previous Labour Admin-istration, it is less than envis-aged under (Labour's) Plan for Coal and considerably less in real terms than under this

We have seen a record level of investment which this Government believes is fully justified and which the last Government

did not.
Earlier he told Mr Andrew
Stewart (Sherwood, C) that
£5 billion had been invested in the coal industry since 1979. In real terms the rate of investment had been more than 35 per cent a year higher than under the previous Administration. Mr Stewart said that the rate of investment had made the coal industry competitive. Would be deny the allegation that all that this Government had done had

been to close collieries.

Mr Hant said that he was correct. The miners' strike had lost nearly half a billion pounds' worth of potential investment. Under this Administration, and excluding the year of the miners' strike, there had been almost 50 per cent higher investment a

year in real terms than under Labour. Mr Ronald Davies (Caerphilly, Lab) asked if he would ensure that British miners had access to the best and most up-to-date mining equipment. Mr Hunt said that be had seen

in his visits to collieries some of the finest equipment and some of the finest miners in the world. Mr Peter Hardy (Wentworth, Lab) said that investment in the coal industry in the past decade stemmed from the Plan for Coal for which the last Labour Govwould be maked sure that

there was further efforts to secure greater markets for British coal in Europe? Would be take steps to see that Sonth African coal ceased to come into this country?

Mr Hunt: I am surprised be Plan for Coal. Investment under this Government has been far far higher in real terms than was ever envisged under Plan for

Mrs Ann Clywd (Cynon Valley, Lab): There have been four deaths in South Wales in the past financial year and there is an upward trend in reports of accidents. Increases in pro-ductivity are being achieved by unacceptable safety levels, to the danger of people working in the

"Mr Hunt: That is one of the most disgraceful insults I have heard in the House. It is an insult to all who work in the industry. Pit safety is always

Investment Walker will not commit himself on Sizewell

Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, refused to commit himself, despite several requests, to publish the in-spector's report on Sizewell before coming to a decision on whether or not to build a whether or not to build a pressarized water reactor there. He said that the inspector, Sir Frank Layfield, expected to deliver the report at the end of this month or early next. "I shall decide on the publica-

tion date when I have seen and considered it." Mr David Heathcost-Amory (Wells, C) asked for an under-taking that there would be an argent Commons debate into the situation in which projects were being held up by the inquiry having taken more than four

Mr Walker agreed that de-cisions must be reached as-quickly as possible. mr Simon Hughes (Southwark and Bermondsey, L) suggested that if Mr Walker was so keen to privatize electricity supply, he should offer the private sector a PWR. He would then find that

Mr Walker promised to consider the suggestion carefully.
Mr Anthony Speller (North
Devon, C): The public is probably split about fifty-fifty on the
desirability or otherwise of the

ENERGY

dustry. Will the minister under-take that we may first have a discussion before there in an answer? Mr Walker: I have said that I Mr Bernard Coulan (Gateshead East, Lab): The long delay has created havec in the industry. It

created havoc in the industry. It zis imperative for him to make an early decision.

Mr Walker replied that there had been no way in which he could hasten the inspector, although all the services he needed had been provided.

He told Mr Stanley Orme, chief Opposition spokesman on energy, that he wished to see the report before making a decision on its publication.

● The discharge level from Sellafield into the Irish Sea was

now a tenth what it was in the year before the Conservative Government came to office in 1979, Mr Walker said during question time in the Commons. Mr Dale Campbell-Savours (Workington, Lab): Not only is it down to a tenth, but by 1991 the discharge into the marine environment from Sellafield will

Mr Walker said that his re-marks showed the difference between those in the Opposition who knew what was going on and those who did not. "I am grateful to him for pointing out there will be further major reductions by

Mr Eric Helfer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab): People on Merseyside and in Ireland and Northern Ireland are very concerned about what is happening in the Irish Sea. There has to be something better than what is happening at the moment. The Irish Sea is (Conservative shouts of

"Rubbish").
People on Merseyside are so scared of what is happening they refuse to go fishing in the area.
Mr Walker: I am surprised at minister in the Department of Trade and Industry during the period when pollution in the Irish Sea was 10 times what it is at present. Mr Heffer: I was not responsible

Cumbersome Act used in papers move, Luce agrees

the Arts, told the Commons that Lord Justice Watkins, who had given judgment on the banning of News International publica-nions from some public libraries, had said that the Public Librarinvolved "a cumbersome procemyolved "a compersonse procedure which is wholly unsuited to meet the requirements of a necessarily swift resolution of the issue arising out of the ban". Mr Luce said that he had started proceedings under this Act, but

in July News International decided to take court action.

Mr John Cartwright (Woolwich, SDP) had said that the High Court judgment against three London boroughs made it clear that all the authorities that had banned News International publications in support of printworkers sacked in the organization's move to Wapping had acted illegally. Would Mr Luce confirm that he had statutory powers to uphold the law in these matters.

"Why has he not followed the thing of the Libraries Associations of the Libraries Associations and the law in these matters."

advice of the Libraries Associ-ation given in March and used authorities to drop the ban

Earlier, Mr Luce said that following their successful High following their successful riight Court action against three London boroughs, News International had indicated that they might institute proceedings against the other English and Welsh authorities operating similar bans if these were not life to the court of the co lifted quickly.

"I am watching the simulion closely. Meanwhile, I note the news that 14 authorities have lifted the ban as n result of the High Court judgment.

He had written to the chairman of the Audit Commission

drawing attention to the fact that the councillors of Camden, Ealing, and Hammersmith and Fulbam had maintained their ban in defiance of what Lord Justice Watkins described as "impeccably sound advice" that they were acting unlawfully. Mr Harry Greenway (Eating North, C) said that it was ontrageous and unacceptable for ratepayers of Ealing and other

areas to have to pay the heavy legal costs of Labour councillors involved in this illegal ban against *The Times* and other News International "Should not those expenses be met by those councillors or from party funds, but not from ratepayers and taxpayers?"

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Mr Lace said that it was because of the reasons Mr Greenway had given that he had written to the chairman of the Audit "It is open to any elector in a

borough maintaining, or which has maintained, such a ban to make a formal objection to the district auditor on the conduct of the councillors involved."

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab): Whether it is legal or illegal is it not clear that many people who are councillors fee upset because Murdoch could sack 6,000 workers without

giving a damn about what happens to them?

Is it not clear also that Conservative MPs are hiding behind the law in order to carry out to the contract to the c out policies contrary to the interests of working people? Mr Luce: He seems to ignore that these particular authorities have been found to have contra-vened the 1964 Act in withdraw-

law he should support the decision which has been taken. Sir Anthony Grant (South West Cambridgeshire, C) said that the Act did seem a somewhat cumbersome way to deal with this censorship problem. A sim-pler solution, in view of Mr Neil Kinnock's desire to improve the image of his party, would be for him to write to these loony councillors and tell them to

behave themselves. Mr Norman Buchan, an Opposi tion spokesman on the arts, said the lack of censorship, can he say how frequently he had intervened with some of the Tory councils, particularly county councils, who had refused to carry out their full statutory duties in the provision of books in the libraries?
How many libraries in the home counties stock *The Sun*, or stock, say, Tribune or Labour Weekly? Had the minister tried to ensure that they did?
As the minister responsible

for the arts and culture, just what had The Sun contributed to human civilization?
Mr Luce: I find it astonishing that he should not once say that this action by these authorities was unacceptable. Not once has he condemned this action, and this is what the country will

Coal sell-off is not | Attack on beyond possibility

in the coal industry could not be coal board and the industry. There is no problem so far as Secretary of State for Energy, that is concerned.

The lobby system came under attack in the Commons from Labour MPs when Mr Dale Secretary of State for Energy, said during question time in the

His reply came during a question when Mr Peter Rose (Erewash, C) asked: When will British Coal management and miners be given the opportunity to follow British Gas employees by becoming shareholders in their enterprise as a reward for the excellent progress the industry has made in recent months and provide a further motivation for improved productivity and profitability in the

industry? Would he find Sid's brother and tell him? Mr Walker: There are no plans for privatization. Those operating the National Coal Board and the miners have benefited from the improvements that have taken place. Mr Roy Mason (Barnsley Cen-

tral, Lab): In the proposed structural changes for British Coal, will be give an undertaking that none of those plans will enable the privatization of British Coal? Mr Walker: I have always said

to the House that of course I would not rule of the possibility of the privatization of coal; it would be absurd if t did. Mr Geoffrey Lotthouse (Ponte-fract and Castleford, Lah): Does he support an increase in the private sector of the British coal industry? Mr Walker: The arrange that have taken place in deep mines and open cast mines have been practical and sensible and

that is concerned. Mr Stanley Orme (Salford East, Lab: Was Sir Robert Haslam (chairman of British Coal) speaking on his own behalf or the Government's when be spoke of privatization and preparing the industry for privatization?

Mr Walker: I have read what he said to a select committee of the House concerning the position of British Coal. They were perfectly reasonable comments for the chairman to express.

There were promising developments in remote meter reading technology for electric-ity users, Mr Alastair Goodlad, Under-Secretary of State for Energy, said during Commons

question time.

The Electricity Council had received a report recently on the field trials of remote reading systems, he said, and as a result was now planning to proceed with the next stage of development which was expected to lead to the installation of a largescale pilot scheme.

Mr Gerald Bowden (Dulwich, C): Does he recognize the bene-fit which such a remote meterreading scheme might have for a place such as London, where many people are not in when the meter reader calls?

Mr Godlad: He is correct about the potential value of remote meter readings. He will be pleased to know it is intended that the proposed large-scale pilot scheme involving 200,000 homes will be in London.

lobby system

bate. The whole of the press was perplexed and at a loss to understand why Parliament could not discuss the MI5 case taking place in Australia, Mr Campbell-Savours (Workington, Lab) said.
It was being said that while in medieval times kings debased the coinage today the Govern-

ment was undermining the flag. The Government was abusing the Civil Service and Mr Bernard Ingham, the Downing Street press secretary, and Mr James Coe, his deputy, would do well to consider their position. A civil servant was being used not only to attack MPs but to scatter the seeds of division between the Prime Minister and the Attorney General. In a shabby betrayal of a Cabinet colleague the Prime Minister was inducing civil servants to attack the Attorney General, who was instructed and guided The Prime Minister was the head of Britain's security services. These decisions were her decisions and she could not deny her responsibility.

The trade of a Prime Minister who lacks the courage to admit failure and then uses the scalpel remorselessly to incise the reputation of a par-liamentary friend and colleague

Cash scrutinies still going on

The scrutiny process of the efficiency of Whitehall deputments begun by Lord Rayner continued to prove its worth, Mr Richard Luce, Minister for by central Government and by the Civil Service said during individual Government and by the Civil Service, said during Commons questions.
He said that savings already made as a result were now

running at the rate of £300 million a year and further annual savings of £100 million were expected to be made. The scrutinies had also led directly to improvements in service to

He was responding to Mr Gerald Bowden (Dulwich, C), who then asked if the Rayner scrutinies could be extended to other aspects of the public sector.

Mr Luce said that efficiency scrutinics had not suddenly stopped. There would continue to be a relentless drive to ensure that the taxpayer got the best value for money and that the civil service was as professional as possible. The number of scrutinies would continue roughly at the rate of 30 a year. Mr Simon Hughes (Southwark and Bermondsey, L) asked if the scrutinies would extend to con-sider whether it was value for money to send the head of the civil service to Australia to take part in court proceedings.
Mr Luce said that there was nothing useful that he could add on this point

Mr Robert Key (Salisbury, C) said that in his constituency company directors sometimes

individual Government d

ments to cope with these problems. Mr Edward Taylor (Southend East, C) asked if the Rayner scrutinies would extend to cover services to the public. In particular, they should take a look at the unreasonable waiting times in DHSS offices. Mr Luce said that he had

touched on an important point. The purpose of the scrutinics was not just to achieve better value for money but also to ensure that they worked towards There were examples of imscrutiinies, such as reducing the time taken to deal with planning appeals from 2t weeks to 11

Dr Oonagh McDonald, an Opposition spokesman on Treasury affairs, said that the Opposition agreed with the objectives of the Rayner scrutinies in improving the efficiency and wellbeing of the civil ser-

But those objectives could not be achieved when the Govern-ment misused its senior civil servant, Sir Robert Armstrong, by placing him in such an invidious position in the Australian courts and requiring him to be 'economical with the truth'. That was the responsibilities of reliables. company directors sometimes under the scrutiny arrangements had to choose in manpower terms between a PhD and an

Row over **Militant** candidate

By Philip Webster Chief Political

Labour leaders are fighting to stop a Militant supporter being elected to the key committee which is to be in charge from the new year of moves to expel Militants from

Mr Neil Kinnock and his colleagues are angry at the decision of the Transport and General Workers' Union, with its 1.25 million votes, to serve on the new 11-member National Constitutional Commiltee.

It was set up at the party conference in October to take the business of throwing out Militant Tendency supporters in the constituency parties away from the spotlight of the national executive committee. Voting for the new committee finishes at the end of next month. Mr Ron Todd, leader of the TGWU, has been left in

no doubt by Labour leaders

that the election of Mr Quinn

would not be welcome. Few of

the other big unions are likely

'Loony left' dispute Cunningham strikes back at Tories

Mr John Cuaningham, Labour's shadow Secretary of State for the Environment, hit back yesterday in the bitter political doglight over "loony left" councils by accusing the Conservatives of resorting to the "big lie technique" to smear his party.

He said that the real encmies of good local government Government - Mr Norman Tebbit, Mr Nicholas Ridley nominate Mr Alan Quinn to and Mr Nigel Lawson responsible for cutting White-hall grants by £17.7 billion since 1979 and so almost

trebling rate bills. The Tory Party chairman scurrilous diversionary exercise" to distract attention from these losses and min-isters' "unprecedented assault" on local democracy.

But the shadow environment secretary's rebuttal was undermined by an outspoken inter-vention by Mr Simon Hughes, the Liberal local government spokesman, who claimed that Labour was panicking because its "balo was slipping" and its "town ball tyrants" had been

"Jack Couniagham's coun-ter-attack will cut no ice with those forced to live under the regime of such councils, nor will Neil Kinnock's attempt to pass them off as a handful of extremists. They are a widespread and deeply rooted symptom of the corruption brought about by the present electoral system."

Mr Canningham's rebust defence came after last week's onslaught in which the Secretary of State for the Environment likened Labour control of many town halls to "totalitarian" rule by fear. Mr Tebbit claimed that the 'loony left" regarded Mr Neil

Kinnock as "just another ex-

future Labour prime minister'

and said they were poised to seize coatrol of the par-liamentary party after the As first disclosed in The Times, a carefully orchestrated campaign by Conservative Central Office lay behind the attempt to portray Labour's antics in places such as Brent and Harringey as a foretaste of how the party would govern



Mr Cunningham: Onslaught on Tory 'meanness',

Tory strategists judge that their rivals are as vulnerable on local government as defence and are determined to press home their perceived advantage. But yesterday Mr Cunning-

ham sought to turn the tables by challenging Mr Tebbit to "clean up the appalling state of Tory local government" before lashing out. He named five authorities chosen at random, which, he said, were indicative of a "shameful" performance in subject to a "ruthless gui-llotine" and there were cuts in services to children, the disabled, students and the mentally and physically handicapped. However, Mr Cunningham did acknowledge that the Tory

attacks were damaging his party's electoral prospects by echoing his leader's denunciation of the town half "zealotry"
Pointing out that Labour new controls above 150 councils - more than any other

party - he said: "Millions of

people have placed the duty of

providing and improving their community services in the hands of nearly 9,000 Labour "In this process, political zealotry and gesturing by a tiny handful is an absolute irrelevance. It has no place in abour's plans for enhancing local democracy and giving local people a greater say in the running of their comroutes.

He cited the London beroughs of Merton and Enfield, Berkshire and Dudley and Seiton (Tory-controlled until

proposed by Tories

of 25 years is one of treachery",

needed from the Speaker-

he continued.

By Martin Fletcher Political Reporter Conservatives on the Commons transport select committee are to press for an inquiry into the feasibility of

privatizing British Rail. They feel that the committee, chaired by the Labour MP Mr Gordon Bagier, has failed to challenge the status quo during its investigation into British Rail finances. In particular, however, they

were disappointed at the evidence given earlier this month by Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Transport, who appeared to rule out the possibility of the privatization of anything in the foreseeable future but British Rail's more peripheral activities. The privatizers on the committee envisage a system similiar to the deregulated bus

British Rail would become a leasing organization owning the track and infrastructure. Private companies would be invited to submit tenders to run the various services. Subsidies would be paid to the Conservative arrogance and private sector to run the less meanness.

Sale of BR | 24-hour drinks scheme for restaurants

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

serve drinks with meals at any time of the day or night if a Bill introduced in the House of Lords becomes law. The Government is expected to back the measure, which is one step towards relaxing the licensing laws. But determined opposition from a small group of peers or MPs would be enough to

Restaurants will be able to

defeat it. Lord Montgomery of Alaiein, honorary presider the Restaurateurs Association of Great Britain, introduced the Licensing (Restaurant Meals) Bill after the Government made clear that it is reluctant to bring in its own reform of licensing laws this session after the demise in the last session of the Shops Bill. Lord Montgomery, who succeeded to the title of his

father, the first Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, 10 years ago, said: "This is a modest reform which will do away with the law which restricts the sale of alcohol in restaurants to certain hours. At present we are out of step Bill will help tourism and, hopefully, create more jobs."



not promote alcoholism. Recent debates in the Lords have shown there is general

"This Bill in no way promotes alcholism. It will allow bone fide restaurants to serve drinks with meals, which is a normal practice in other countries", Lord Montgomery

added. "At the moment there is an anomaly in the law. For instance, if you happen to with the rest of Europe. This arrive in this country at 3pm and go into a restaurant for a meal you cannot get a drink.

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Tribunal warning to employers over bias against Aids victims

warning to employers yesterday not to discriminate against sufferers or carriers of acquired immune deficiency

Ministers are worried that the inevitable spread of the disease could soon lead to many victims being treated as outcasts at work.

More than 400,000 employers are being sent a booklet which cautions them that they could be called before industrial tribunals for dismissing workers who have been exposed to the disease.

Refusing to hire a job applicant because of Aids risks would also be "unreasonable", according to the government

Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Paymaster General and Minister for Employment, has told the employers that "un-necessary fears" about Aids could lead to "quite needless discrimination in the work-

That in turn could result in Aids carriers concealing their infection in offices or factories and not getting medical advice, he said.

"Shunning Aids carriers could drive this disease under-ground and help it spread

The Government gave more rapidly," Mr Clarke said who are infected, or thought to varning to employers yes- yesterday. "We are very anx- be infected, simply because of ious not to have people made outcasts at their place of .work."

> The booklet, Aids and Employment, has been issued because of government concern that discrimination could become widespread in the months and years ahead.

> At least 30,000 people are believed to be infected and a third or more are likely to develop the disease in the next few years.

Almost all of them are likely to be of working age. The booklet, which is also being sent to general practitioners, employers' associations and trade unions, calls for better understanding of the risks of Aids infection.

The facts must be understood before someone at a workplace is thought to be infected, "by which time the climate is likely to have emotionally

charged", the booklet says.

"If employees refuse to
work normally with an infected individual an employer would need to respond, as be would to other forms of industrial action, and seek a resolution through normal

be infected, simply because of pressure from other employees would in many cases expose the employer to a claim for unfair dismissal," the booklet gives warning.

"There is generally no obligation on individuals to disclose their infection or to submit to medical tests for the virus. Anything which can be interpreted as an inquisition into an employee's personal life-style should be avoided."

The booklet says that there is no risk of Aids unless there is direct contact with blood, men or other body fluids of infected individuals. The National Children's

Home charity said yesterday that 18 boy prostitutes in-fected with the Aids virus were deliberately spreading the infection in London. The youths, identified in a voluntary screening exercise. were seeking revenge because most had been sexually abused as children, the charity

A special unit is being set up to treat the hoys, who were adopting "a kind of destructive bravado, but were also terrified of dying so young," Mr David Pithers, the charity's director of child care



Bomber R for Robert needs a nose

The restoration of Wellington bomber N2980, R for Robert, recovered last year from Loch Ness, is well under way at Weybridge, Surrey, but

The lower part of the aircraft's nose, which orig-inally supported the forward gan turret, still lies buried in

more salvage attempt this month to recover the bomber's forward gun turret. A separate

diving expedition is needed to

of the loch, where the aircraft ditched during a snow storm on New Year's Eve in 1940.

The Wellington project has only enough money for one one of the lock, where the aircraft ditched during a snow storm on New Year's Eve in 1940.

Christmas, the Wellington's nose will probably have to remain buried in the mind," Mr. Robin Holmes, chairman of the Loch Ness Wellington

Association, said.

throughout Britain are gradnally restoring the airframe.

Mr Clive Leach, a former Royal Air Force pilot who flew Wellington bombers in the Middle East during the Second World War, estimates Teams of volunteers at that it will take a decade to Brooklands Museum in Wey-

Nuclear reactors shut down by fault

Trouble has again hit Hinkley point nuclear power station, where three out of four reactors were out of action yesterday.

A "temporary fault" closed down the two reactors of its B station after a long-planned inspection had closed one at Hinkley point A.

The Central Electricity Generating Board empha-sized: "There is no question of a radiological bazard," and added that there was no damage to the plant at Bridgwater Bay, Somerset.

The board said vesterday that it hoped one reactor could be working again within hours and another today.

The extra cost of generating replacement electricity was thought to be about £300,000. The cause of the B station shutdown was a fault in the instruments in the turbine ball affecting pressure valves in the boiler feedwater system.

Incidents which have led to questions about the plant's safety in the House of Commons have plagued Hinkley Point since the Magnox A station was built 25 years ago.

In August the B station was shut down for the fifth time in two months when a reactor was tripped ont automatically by a safety circuit.

Sister may hold clue to murder

By Angella Johnson

A woman police officer is waiting at the hospital bedside of a badly injured woman aged 80, to see if she can give detectives any clues as to who murdered her sister, aged 78. Miss Ethel Stubbs was killed

after being dragged from her bedroom and suffocated when a gang broke into her house in Albany Road, Walworth, south-east London. Miss Dora Stubbs is in

King's College Hospital, south-east London, with a brokeo oose, ribs, and injuries to her wrists. She is severely shocked but has already said that two white men were involved.

Two teenage girls may also be implicated. Police say they are members of a gang which has been preying on elderly people living alone in the area and may have been respon-

The gang has carried out three aggravated hurgiaries on women aged 80, 85 and 90, all within a mile of each other recently. Io all cases the

women were gagged. One victim aged 80, who is still in hospital, described one of her attackers as an attrac-tive brunette, aged about 18, who was wearing a black and

Saturday morning.

Dismissing individuals Attacker at riots sentenced

Kuomba Balogun, a Bristol community leader, was given a suspended prison sentence yesterday for assaulting two police officers.

In September, police carried out a raid in the St Paul's area of the city. Two nights of rioting followed and Balogun, chairmao of St Paul's Community Association, was arrested after trying to stop the police filming .

Balogun was found guilty in ber of assaulting the two officers. Yesterday, Bristo magistrates sentenced him to three months' imprisonment suspended for two years.

Jarrett son is remanded

The son of Mrs Cynthia Jarrett, whose death sparked off the riots in Tottenham, north Londonh, appeared oo remand at Bow Street Magistrates Court, London, yes-

Michael Jarrett, aged 22, a painter and decorator, of Thorpe Road, Tottenham, and Sarah Ariff, aged 22, a receptionist, of Elsden Road, Tottenham, are accused of attempted theft at Leicester white polka dot dress.

This latest incident occurred in the early hours of both remanded on bail until December 8.

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Militants accused of Stalinist tactics

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent The Militant leaders of ness of Labour's local leader

Liverpool City Council were accused of "Stalinist tactics" against the city's black community in a report published

The authors, the Liverpool Black Caucus, accuse Militant of character assassination, crushing of dissent and of concentrating enormous power in the hands of a few key figures, such as Mr Derek Hatton as "public figure-

They denounce "the control and manipulation by various gerrymandering devices of the party machine", whose meet-ings were increasingly described as Nuremberg rallies because of the intimidation and physical menace lying behind calls for "unanimity" "working class strug-

The document is endorsed by the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Liverpool, the Most Rev Derek Worlock, and the Anglican Bishop of Liverpool, the Rt Rev David Sheppard in a joint foreword.

They say Black Caucus members render a great service by providing a well documented account of relationships with Liverpool City Council and of events which have been hidden from the public. The caucus criticizes the

"fixed" appointment of Mr Sampson Bond a London huilding surveyor and Militant supporter, as the principal race relations adviser, although he had no experience of that work.

The authors say: "We have seen how Militant and their supporters began their frontal attack on Liverpool's black community at the special District Labour Party by their concerted vilification of black community groups as 'vio-lent', 'unrepresentative', criminal and self-

The unscrupulous willing-

ship to use the repertoire of racist language and emotion in this way as part of their political project has been one of the most shameful aspects of this issue. "It is this continual use of

all the classical features of Stalinist politics that stand out in analysing the approach adopted by Militant to the black community in Liver-The authors say: "The current Militant-dominated La-

bour leadership of Liverpool City Council have dem-onstrated their total indifference with their policies of malign neglect". In retrospect it seemed an

extraordinary decision by Lahour's ruling inner circle to take the risk of embarking on such a struggle with the black community in Liverpool, they

But this short-sighted political approach of being determined to crush all political opposition at whatever cost and by whatever means necessary, however damagin or disreputable, has been the hallmark of Militant's period of office.

Ultimately this greed for control and total power to be exercised by the inner circle of the ruling party alone, or by their trusted and proved creatures, proved their undoing."

After referring to the Liver-pool violence of 1981 and the signs of further disorders in 1985, the authors continue: "If, after all this, Liverpool's olitical leaders still cannot find the commitment to re store genuine dialogue with the black community - then there can be no prospect for peace in this city."

The church leaders say: "As

far as we know the account of these events is a fair one. It merits widespread attentioo and whole-hearted response. The report is published by the Runnymede Trust.

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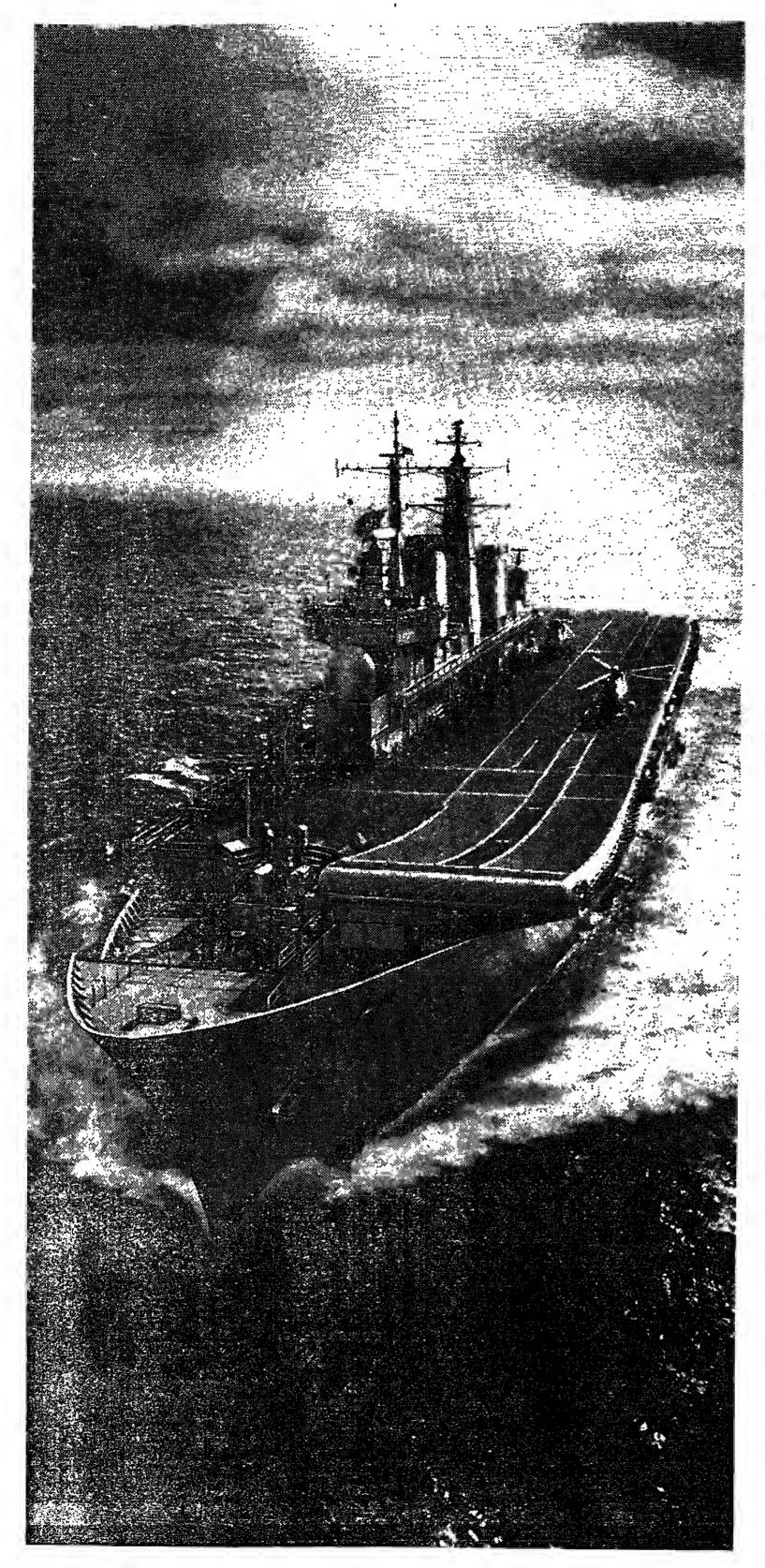
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UP AGAINST TIME by Jeanne Willis and Trevor Melvin







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Heroin-ring leader jailed for 28 years and fined £200,000

Paul Dye, head of a £200 million international heroin smuggling ring, was sentenced to a record 28-year prison sentence and £200,000 fines at the Central Criminal Court yesterday after convic-tion in one of the biggest customs investigations ever

He was found guilty with five members of his organiza-tion last Friday for their roles in a British drugs ring which smuggled between 40 and 50kg of heroin into the United States from Pakistan in girdles swapped in the transit lounges of Heathrow airport.

Yesterday the five received sentences ranging from seven

Judge Rant, QC, told the men their offences were "evil and callous in the extreme". Heroin was a scourge causing misery, degradation, crime and sometimes death.

It took little thought to realize what havoc had been caused by the men in the dock who had acted for money, the judge said.

The courts would make heroin-peddling worth not even the large profits

Passing sentence on Dye.

aged 42, a company director tences adding up to 17 years in from Iver, Buckinghamshire, prison. Williamson, one of the judge told him he was a devious, greedy and unterly unscrupulous man"

The judge said that if he had had the power Dye, a small-time crook who made millions given a life sentence without hesitation from heroin, would have been

Dye received the longest sentence ever given in a British court for a drug

Convicted on three charges of conspiracy, he was given consecutive sentences made up of two 14-year sentences and a further four years. If he fails to pay the fines he

will serve another two years as Dye and the others were

arrested a month before the Criminal Justice Act took effect allowing for a life sentence for a drug offence. Dye was fined £150,000, the

When customs officers struck last year for the first value of his home, and £51,000 found in his safe. time they captured an entire drug organization stretching from the supplier in Pakistan The rest of his assets are thought to be still hidden in to the main American dealers. Switzerland or the United

Four of Dye's recruits convicted in the United States Clive Williamson, aged 29, an electrician from Northolt, were brought across the At-lantic to give evidence against west London, was given sen-

Dve's lieutenants, had acted as

The judge said he was a 'significant cog in the

Peter Davies, aged 30, a bread salesman from north

bread salesman from north London, was given 12 years, David Millard, aged 37, unemployed, from Peterborough, was given 10 years, Paul Murphy, aged 30, unemployed, of north London, was given eight years, and Craham Ellis, aged 31, a meter reader, of Twickenham, south-west London, received seven years.

The six were convicted for

taking part in an organization which operated for more than

Dye began smuggling drugs in 1980 and built up his organization through friends, neighbours and contacts.

seven years.

two years.

a courier and minder.



Mr Donglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, being driven around Parliament Square, London, yesterday in a 1901 Mors led by a man with a red flag. It is 90 years since Parliament abolished the warning procedure. Mr Jeffrey Rose, chairman of the RAC, was at the wheel and Mr Neil Thorne, MP, (left) chairman of the Commons motor club, and Lord Strathcarron, chairman of the Lords motor club, rode in the back (Photograph John Manning).

BCal in legal fight over link-up plan to beat US rivals

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

compete with their giant American rivals by linking up could be ruled illegal after a bitter legal battle being fought at the Civil Aviation Auth-

British Airways yesterday tried to prove that a deal between British Caledonian and Sabena, the Belgian flag carrier, to operate a joint daily service to Atlanta, Georgia, was based on a "misconception"

It argued that the service, which involves a Sabena 747 flying with joint crews from Brussels to Gatwick and on to Atlanta, was not a British operation and therefore could not be licensed by the CAA. BCai should be removed from the licence which should be awarded to British Airways

instead, it argued. The CAA's decision, which could come before the end of the year could have signficant impact on future operations of

a similar kind. For BCal, together with a number of airlines, believes that only by linking with other European carriers can it become sufficiently powerful to mount a counter-attack on the few large American airlines now threatening to dominate the Atlantic routes.

Plans by British airlines to for British Airways, argued that BCal was not using its licence to operate to Atlanta because the aircraft being used belonged to Sabena which was also legally responsible for all its passengers, including those picked up at Gatwick on BCal

His basic argument was accepted by the CAA panel, chaired by Mr Ray Colegate. "I have little difficulty in accepting British Airways argument on the narrow point that BCal is not currently using its licence," Mr Colegate said. But he added that the panel would have to consider

wider questions. BCal is arguing strongly against the accusations and claims that British Airways is using "spoiling tactics fuelled by the arrogance of mono-

The hearing, which is sched-uled to last for one more day but could be extended, is regarded as having great significance for future cooperative ventures in Europe and could even affect the way BA seeks links with other airlines on the Cononent once it is privatized early next year. · Air France yesterday announced a new service be-tween Bristol and Paris, starting on January 5. It will operate five times a week.

Christmas shopping: 2

Children tempted by the £60 toy

Christmas seem to have one thing in common - a £59.99 price tag. Spend any less and you may risk resentful glares from disappointed young peo-

The toy shops are still not sure what will be this year's equivalent of the BMX-bike, the home computer, the Cab-bage Patch doll, and the Optimus Prime transformer, necessities of past Christmases probably now languishing in the attic or a corner cupboard.

Christmas are talking bears of which no fewer than three -Teddy Ruxpin, Gabby Bear and Smarty Bear - are vying to catch the children's ear at

Teddy Ruxpin is the veteran of the genre, Gabby Bear give his conversation more expression, and Smarty Bear is computer-programmed with 16 different responses.

Tickle him and he giggles. There is a talking doll for little girls whose tastes do not run to teddy bears, mute or chatty. Her name is Baby Talk and her repartee includes phrases such as "I love you" and "Feed me". Stick a bottle in her month and she makes sucking noises. She costs, of

course, £59.99. For children with less domestic preoccupations than baby-talking bears and dolls, there are radio-controlled cars. This year's most popular models are frame buggies with gears to cope with variable terrains and obstructions. On

the road: £59.99. People to whom such sums sound like Monopoly money will be pleased to know that the world's best-selling board game is still going strong this year, as is its veteran rival,

Scrabble Trivial Pursuits, is now seeing its fifth Christmas, and among the newcomers the most fancied are a personalityIn the second of two articles, Robin Young reports on sell-out gifts in the stores

testing exercise called Scruples and a game named September, devised by the people who swept the board with Kensington a few years ago.

This year's essential stock-ing filler is Rubik Magic, successor to the infuriating Rubik Cube, 150 million of which have been sold round the world since 1977.

That second invention by Professor Erno Rubik, the Hungarian puzzlemaster, consists of eight flat panels of plastic connected by an ingenious serious of hinges.

The object of the game is to rearrange the graphics on the panels into three interlinki rings. The panels are hinged for Matchbox Toys by nimble Chinese fingers in a factory in Canton, and will almost certainly unhinge Western minds Matchbox's estimates for

Rubik Magic sales this year have leapt from five million to 10 million by Christmas.

"Retailers have just gone crazy for it, and the workforce in Canton has been increased from 2,000 to 5,000 to keep pace," it said.

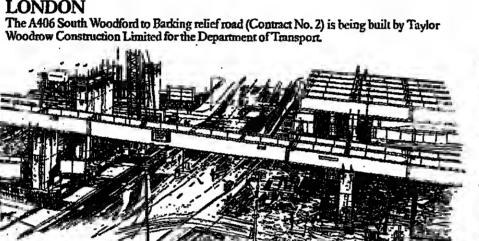
The rush to buy Christmas gifts and goodies is about to begin in earnest, though retailers say that the wet weather has caused a late start

The 21 stores in the John Lewis Partnership reported that sales in the week which ended November 15 were 8.8 per cent up on the equivalent cek last year. The Financial Times

Confederation of British In-dustry survey of trends in the distributive trades suggests a 6 per cent increase in volume sales overall for the year. Christmas shoppers will have to get their skates on soon.

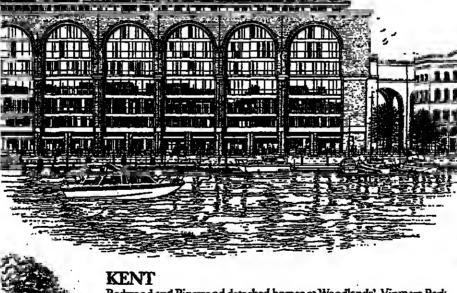
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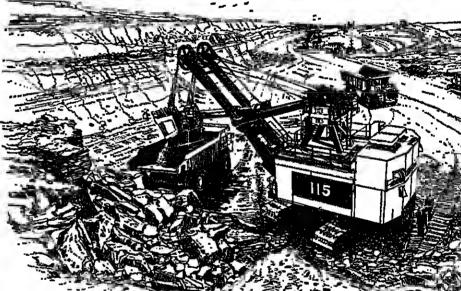
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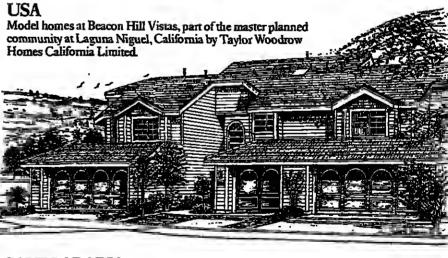


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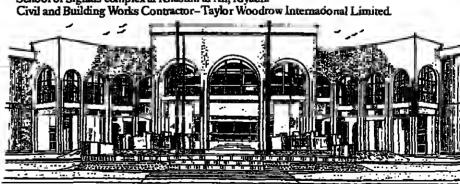
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Print men freed after court plea

Two print workers who were jailed for six months for attacking a newspaper van left International's plant in Wapping east London, were freed by the Court of Appeal yesterday.

Although the judges agreed with the trial judge that what happened was "a disgraceful piece of street hooliganism", they reduced the sentences to 60 days to allow the men to be freed immediately.

David Payne, aged 43, a Southwark councillor, of St Matthew House, Phelp Street, Wandsworth, south London, a Daily Telegraph printer for 23 years, and Robert Tetaur, aged 33, a former copy reader on The Times, of Dorking Crescent, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex were both convicted of causing actual bodily harm by

Southwark Crown Court.
They had followed a van after it left Wapping and when it stopped on Tower Bridge, Tetaur opened the rear and started scattering papers. A fight broke out between the two print men and the van driver and his mate. Payne used a saucepan to attack the

van driver. Payne had his application to appeal against conviction dismissed by Mr Justice Taylor, sitting with the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lane, and Mr Justice Rose.

Anger at demolition of cottage

Demolition men moved i yesterday and started taking the roof off Rose Cottage, the home of two elderly brothers who were evicted last week. Mr Gordon Howards, age 75, and his brother, Billy, aged 66, lost their three-year fight to stay in the house, in Cope Street, Barnsley, West York-shire, and were forced to move

out last Tuesday. But friends and supporters believed demolition work would not take place after they held talks with Barnsley

The house and four acres of land are wanted for the building of 71 new homes, more than half for the elderly, and on December 1 an appeal by the European Court of Human Rights was due to be

Mrs Dorothy Shaw, a friend of the brothers, said: "You can't trust anything Barnsley council has told us. I am just sickened at the speed of the demolition, it's totally

Mrs Rita Wood, another friend, said: The council gave us an assurance that the work would not begin until all their property had been removed". The council said the matter was now out of its hands. Demoliton is being handled by the Yorkshire Metropoli-

tan Housing Association.

Barclays Bank withdrawal raises fear of others to follow

Sale seen as first move by British firms in trek from South Africa

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

of its remaining 40.4 per cent share in Barciays National, South Africa's biggest commercial bank, is seen as probably only the first of a number of moves for British disinvest-

Britain is by far the biggest foreign investor io South Africa, accounting, it is estimated, for about 45 per cent of all foreign investment. There are about 130 companies here in which British interests have holdings of more than 50 per cent, and about 45 with hold-

ings of less than 50 per cent.
The value of British investment in South Africa is put by British sources at some £6,000 million. Two years ago, it was estimated at £11,000 million, but the decline is mainly due to the depreciation of the rand. By contrast, American investment now stands at only \$1,300 million (£896.5 mil-

lion).

Barclays is the first major
British company to withdraw from South Africa and banking and Government sources expressed concern yesterday that its example could encourage other companies to follow

If that were to happen, it would follow the pattern of Americao disinvestments which increased sharply after General Motors announced last month that it was selling its operation in South Africa

The main concern is that further significant disinvestment by British companies, coming on top of the growing American corporate retreat, would increase the drain of foreign capital from South of the shares in Barclays American corporate retreat, would increase the drain of

The sale by Barclays Bank Africa. Historically, foreign National The bank's manager its remaining 40.4 per cent capital has provided about 20 ing director, Mr Chris Ball, per cent of net fixed invest-

Without foreign capital, economists consider South Africa has little chance of generating the real economic growth rate of between 3.5 and 4.5 per cent a year that is need-ed just to contain unemployment at its present level, estimated at more than 30 per

cent among blacks.
"I think disinvestment slows down the rate of (politi-

Thirteen black miners were killed and more than 20 injured in fighting at the Vaal Reefs gold mine, it was disclosed yesterday by the mine's owners, the Anglo-American Corporation (Michael Hornsby writes from Johannesburg). The fighting broke out when miners tried to enforce a boycott of a mine twern. cott of a mine tavern.

cal) change, and I think it affects the creation and retentioo of jobs in the country. There is less money available to do the things that oeed to be done. It is a matter for concern," Mr Basil Hersov, the chairman of Barclays Na-

tional, said yesterday. Barclays Bank has sold its remaining 40.4 per cent hold-ing to a local consortium consisting of the Anglo-American Corporation, South Africa's biggest mining and industrial conglomerate, and two of its affiliated companies, De Beers Consolidated Mines Limited and The Southern Life Assur-

ance Limited.



is a change of name. It was agreed last year, when Barc-lays Bank allowed its holding in South Africa to fall from 50 per cent to 40.4 per cent by waiving its entitlement to a rights issue, that the name should be changed by 1990. This will now be done next The political pressure that

Barclays Bank was under to quit South Africa is reflected in the fact that it was prepared to accept a price of only 18 rand (£5.2) for each of the 29,276,070 shares it held in Barclays National, well below their current price on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange of 23.50 rand. In addition, the sales pro-

ceeds of some 527 million rand - nominally worth about £165 million at the current commercial exchange rate -can only be taken out of the country at the special "finan-cial rand" rate which is designed to discourage disinvestment. At present, the value of the financial rand is about half that of the commercial rand.
One effect of channelling

capital flows through the fin-ancial rand pool is that they have no immediate impact on South Africa's balance of payments or foreign exchange re-serves. The sales proceeds will remain in the pool until Barclays Bank can find buyers who wish to invest in South Africa.



The managing director of Barciays National, Mr Chris Ball, announcing the sale yesterday.

Lobbyists claim a victory

By Nicholas Beeston

Anti-apartheid groops and pro-sanctions church organizations yesterday claimed that the decision by Barclays to withdraw from South Africa amounted to a significant victory for the disinvestment

lobby in Britain. The president of the Anti-Apartheid Movement, Bishop Trevor Huddleston, claimed the Barclays decision was largely the result of 17 years of active lobbying against the company, the largest British investor in South Africa.

'It is an event of great significance and I think other companies are certain to follow," he predicted. He said efforts would onw be directed against other multinational companies, especially BP and

that it would continue to be a target for anti-apartheid ac-tivists because of its loans to South Africa, which amounted to £766 million last year. "I would advise all public

bodies to indicate very clearly that, although they are re-lieved by the Barclays de-cision, they are still not prepared to use their services uotil it has withdrawo completely."

Similar reaction is expected from other pro-sanctions bodies, such as Oxfam, the End Loans to South Africa campaign, the Catholic Fund for Overseas Development, Chri-stian Aid and the British Council of Churches.

A spokesman for the British

Long jail Shell. He also warned Barclays Council of Churches claimed that it would continue to be a that the Barclays move was the "response to that lengthy campaign for disinvestment" and anticipated that the lobbyists would oow focus on multinationals with investments in South Africa who were vulner-

able to a consumer boycott. lo spite of the Barclays decision, a spokesman for the UK-South Africa Trade Associatioo said that bilateral trade appeared to have increased in the last few months.

Its executive director, Mr Nicholas Mitchell, said: "I doo't think that there will be any great movement towards disinvesting in Britain bebecause it is slightly different from the others."

Argentina denounces fish zone

From Zoriana Pysariwsky New York

Britain's imposition of a 150-mile fisheries protection zone around the Falkland Islands was a thinly veiled attempt to gain dominance over the South Atlantic, posing serious risks to the stabil-ity of the region, Señor Dante Caputo, the Argentine Foreign Minister, told the United Nations General Assembly yes-

Señor Caputo said the October 29 declaration was in keeping with Britain's "expan-sionist logic", which sought to extend, whatever the cost, "its illegal occupation of the maritime and insular territory of my country".

The minister accused the

British Governmentof pandering to the electorate by seeking to create friction and provoke armed incidents.

He called on the assembly to support, once again, a draft resolution urging the two sides to ocgotiate all outstanding issues over the Falkland Islands.

terms call West Berlin yesterday demanded long sentences for two Jordanians accessed of a bomb attack that they

said was supported by Syria (John England writes). The prosecutor, Herr Detiev Mehlis, called for 14 years for Ahmed Hasi, aged 35, the brother of Nezar Hindawi, the Heath-row El Al bomber, and 13

years for Farak Salameh, aged 40. Both are charged with attempted murder in bombing the German-Arab Friendship Society's centre in West Berlin on March 29, injuring nine people.

American top source Schrawan has appared with the advantage against Lajor Portisch. Of the top teams, England now only has to meet Czechoslovakia. With at least a one point lead and only five rounds remaining to be played, England's chances of a first-ever team gold medal have substantially increased. Briton to leave

WORLD SUMMARY

Sidon — Palestinian guerrillas yesterday captured a strategic hilltop village from the Shia Muslim Amal militin after fierce fighting in which some 40 people were killed (Juan Carlos Gunucio writes).

The assault launched from the Miyeh-Miyeh and Ein el

The assault launched from the Miyeh-Miyeh and Ein el Hilweb refugee camps gave the guerrillas control of Magdoushe, just south of Sidon, from where Amal artillerymen had been hombarding the camps since Friday. But as the guerrillas strengthened their position, Mr Walid Jumbintt, the Druze leader of the Progressive Socialist Party, sided with Amal and vowed to prevent the return of Palestinian forces to Lebanese soil.

"The road to the liberation of Palestine does not go through Magdoushe," he deciared angrily.

• Damascus — Mr Jumbiatt's declaration came after he met Syrian officials, including Vice President Abdul-Halim Khaddam, Syria's main expert on Lebanon, in Damascus yesterday (AP reports).

England in chess lead

Dubai – By crashing Bulgaria 3-1, England has retained a clear lead after nine rounds of the World Chess Olympics here (Raymond Keene writes).

John Nunn drew with Kiril Georgiyev, Nigel Short beat Ventislav Inkiov, Murray Chandler drew with Peter Velikov and Jon Speelman heat Krum Georgiyev.

England now has a tremendous total of 26½ points, ahead of the US on 24½ points plus one adjourned game, the Soviet Union has 24½ points, while Hungary has 23½ points plus one adjourned game. In the Hungary-US match the American top board Seirawan has ajourned with the advantage against Lajoe Portisch.

Druze warning

for Palestinians

Delhi (Reuter) - Mr David Bergman, a Briton arrested while working to rehabilitate child victims of last year's Bhopal gas disaster, has agreed to leave India by December 30 to avoid prosecution, the Press Trust of India said

yesterday.
It said David Bergman,
21, gave the undertaking at
a Supreme Court hearing on his petition to quash charges against him under India's Foreigners Act and Official Secrets Act. Ear-lier this year Mr Bergman cycled 9,000 miles to India to raise money for Bhopal

US delays \$300m aid

San José - Four US allies in Central America are annoyed by the Reagan Administration's failure to deliver a \$300 million (£212.7 million) economic aid package, promised as a

lion (£212.7 million) economic aid package, promised as a trade-off for their acquiescence to new American funds for the Nicaraguan rebels (Martha Honey writes).

After several months of confusion, State Department officials and congressional aides have confirmed that the extra money, pledged to Costa Rica, Hondaras, Guatemala and El Salvador, is no longer available.

The Administration had proposed, and Congress endorsed, the \$300 million aid package as a balance to the \$100 million in military and "humanitarian" aid to the Nicaraguan Contras.

rescued

Madrid - The British captain of a two-masted yacht, the Kometen, and his crew of three arrived safely but exhausted at the Spanish port of Alicante yesterday after an ordeal in huge seas in which their vessel was damaged and eventually sank (Harry Debelius writes).

Captain John Hand, aged 39, and his crew, all from Chichester, were picked up by a Spanish tug boat off the Alicante coast after they sent out distress

Crewmen Protest at shooting

Bonn - The West German Government has condemned the shooting of a young East German who tried to escape over the Berlin Wall early yes-terday (John England wri-

The West Berlin Senate also protested and said the East German guards' use of

firearms had reached a "new, tragic high point".

An East German man, aged 36, escaped early yesterday by swimming in the Baltic until picked up by a West German ship.

Oil slick exposes East bloc failure on river pollution

From Roger Boyes Warsaw

A large, potentially dan-gerous oil slick, oczing op the Oder river from Czechoslovakia into Poland, has exposed new flaws in the pollutioo control system of the Soviet bloc and irritated relations between Prague and

Special anti-pollution units have managed to rid the river, which flows some 80 miles through the Czechoslovak industrial heartland into Poland, of the most damaging waste, scooping up the old fuel oil and burning it in cannisters on the banks of the Oder, known as the Odra in Poland.

But there is a nagging risk to water supplies. It would, of-ficials admit, be disastrous if the heavilly polluted waters entered the food production cycle.
Workers built barriers -

compressed hay supported by empty barrels - around a sugar plant and at several other points in the river which feeds into the Silesian industrial centres and runs into the Neisse (Nysa in Polish) form-ing the Polish-East German border and from there into the

But the same kinds of questions that followed the Chernobyl ouclear accident earlier this year are being posed again, this time with considerably more candour. Why did the Czechs take so

long to inform the Poles of the spillage? Why were so few precautions taken? Why canoot Comecon, the Soviet trading bloc, oot agree on a system of compensation for crossfrootier pollutioo?

The Oder crisis has significant parallels with the recent ecological disaster in the black and sticky. The Polish Rhine, but with one important Consul in Ostrava has still not



difference; there are no dead fish floating up the Oder.
Marine life was killed long ago, destroyed by spillage after spillage.
The chronology of cross-

frootier pollution is revealing as an example of how poor communications can be between two Soviet bloc allies. On November 11, the water

The Hague (Reuter) — Acid weedkiller that leaked into the Rhine in West Germany is expected to reach The Netherlands today and scientists will conduct tests to see if water for drinking can be safely drawn from the river, a waterways spokeswoman said yesterday. Two tomes of herbicide entered the river on Friday

after a breakdown in a cooling system at a chemical plant at Ludwigshafen. Two West German states told waterworks to stop using the Rhine to pro-cess drinking water.

supply expert of the Katowice province in Silesia received a cable from the Institute of Water Economics in Ostrava oo the Czech side of the

It said that there had been a spillage but it was being brought under control; a routine message. But by noon the next day Polish waters were

been informed of anything, though the Czech press and Western radio stations were broadcasting the oews. The spillage had come from a cement works in Ostrava oo

November 9, but the Poles were not officially informed until almost a week later. The Poles calculate that the slick contains some 50 tonnes of fuel oil.

The Czech side of the border is heavily indus-trialized with a steelworks and mines, and the pollution is so intense that the Poles have problems developing their

own industry.
The Czechs have promised to build water-purification plants, but pollution does oot seem to be a top priority for the Czechs. Care of shared rivers within the Soviet bloc has been defined by a network of legislation, including a treaty with Prague in 1958, with Moscow in 1964 and with East Berlin the following

But though the matter has been taken up at Cabinet level, neither Czechs nor Poles can reach an agreement on how these treaties should be implemented. The Czechs refuse to take daily samples of water, saying that moothly ooes are sufficient, and have not established automatic sampling stations because of the cost.

Poland wants Comecoo to draw up rules which would provide for compensation, arbitratioo of disputes and lists of forbidden emissions. The Czechs have opposed these moves.

The result of this deadlock could be seen last weekend. Firemen and civil defence workers clustered around foulsmelling cannisters burning off, pound by pound, ton by ton, the latest gift from Poland's neighbours.

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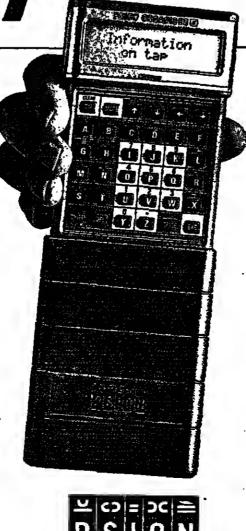
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The other day I went to see Governor Michael Dukakis of Massachusetts, one of the most successful Democratic governors. He is considering running for President in 1988 and told me he will make a definite decision by about the end of next February.

At this stage be cannot be regarded as more than 2 long shot. He is interesting, however, not only for what he might become but also for what he represents in the

Democratic Party today. He was elected earlier this month by a massive majority to his third term as Governor. After his first term, from 1974 to 1978, he was defeated in the primary by a fellow-Democrat

possibly for being too liberal
and almost certainly for being
too nonchalant — hefore recovering the office in 1982.

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But the Dukakis of his second term is apparently a different politician from the earlier Governor. The reflex liberal has evidently given way to the pragmatist, to the man whose deeds are more arresting than his words. It is a progression that reflects the movement of opinion within

the party. The more the Reagan Administration becomes embroiled in the Iranian arms deal the better chance the Democrats ought to stand of recovering the White House in 1988. But they are a party in transition. They had in Walter Mon-

dale a caudidate in 1984 who represented the old politics of a coalition of interest groups

Party struggling to be born

and liberal causes, of labour unions and big government. It looked like the last fling of the Democratic Party of Roosevelt, Truman, Kennedy and

But there was at the same time another Democratic Party straggling to be born, represented by Gary Hart. This is a party whose core group consists of young pro-fessional people, fumbling for the future rather than celebrating the past, eager for

with traditional ties. Wir Hart failed then partly because he was not adequately prepared, and therefore failed to articulate their aspirations sufficiently precisely, but also partly because he was before his time. The constituency to which he appealed is importprobably is not now enough by itself.

In be successful the Demo-crats need to retain the loyalty and enthusiasm of their traditional support while reaching out to those voters who pride themselves on not being

The claim made for Governor Dukakis is that he straddles these two wings of the party. Listening to him saying that he stood, above all, for expensive envertisity for saying that he stood, above all, fir economic opportunity for every American citizen, I was not impressed. It was too vague, too generalized. He said little to distinguish him from any other potential presidential candidate in either potential candidate. ther party.

One notable exception

The one notable exception was on trade protection, which he claimed that he would resist more strongly than the present Administration, while concentrating on policies to devote the connection of restraining on poinces to develop the competitive efficiency of American industry.

As the Reagan Administration has rather a good record in this field and as there is a strong protectionist tide flow-ing in the Democratic Party, this was a significant com-

for President he will need to greater depth. Otherwise he will be in danger of being written off as one of nature's

But Governor Dukakis has a number of advantages as well. Prosperity in Massachusetts has increased dramatically mader his governorship.

A Democrat who speaks,

even if imprecisely, of opportunity in the language of the young professionals and can at the same time claim to enjoy good relations with the unions should have attractions for both wings of the party.

He looks younger than his 53 years, is personable and energetic. He should come nver well on television once he has worked out more clearly exactly what he wants to say.

If there is to be a surprise in the first Democratic primary of 1988 in New Hampshire, the Governor of the neigh-bouring state of Massachusetts should be in a better position than most to spring it, and what a springboard that

Reagan aide denies changes at top

From Michael Binyon Washington

Despite the mounting pressure on President Reagan from his friends, especially his wife, to sack several of his top aides over the Iran affair, Mr Donald Regan, the White House Chief of Staff, insisted yesterday that he would not resign, and said he did not think there would be any changes in President Reagan's top staff this week.

Mr Regan said on tele-vision: "I'm not considering resigning. I serve at the pleasure of the President. When it's time for me to go, we'll talk about it. But I don't think this

Criticism continued to mnunt yesterday of Mr Regan and also of Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, whose aloofness is being described as failure to support the Presi-dent at a time of crisis.

White House officials insist that Mr Shultz knew more about the arms shipments than he acknowledged, but decided nnt to fight against the President's decision and al-Inwed senior State Department nfficials to remain in the

In an unusally sharp attack protect him on Mr Shultz, Senator Robert Dole, the outgoing Senate Re-publican majority leader, said he, was having difficulty supporting Mr Reagan's decision because "it's fairly difficult when the Secretary of State is not doing anything".

An aide suggested that President Reagan might be losing

Brussels

braced for

tariff war

with US

From Andrew McEwen

Diplomatic Correspondent

Pessimism chung like Brus-

sels fog yesterday to the man charged with keeping Europe nut of a tariff war with the

United States. A sombre Mr

Willy de Clercq, the EEC Trade Commissioner, briefed

the foreign ministers of the

Twelve on what he called

"painful and difficult nego-tiations" with the Reagan

Washington will block EFC exports worth \$500 million (£352 million) next year if the

"Success" would consist of

a foregula to buy off American

complaints that its farmers

lost exports to Spain and

Portugal as a result of prot-ectionist EEC farm policy. The US has demanded

compensation for \$500 million worth of sorghum and

com .which it exported an-

nually to the two countries before they joined the EEC. "It is a very difficult situa-

tinn and we cannot exclude the possibility that the talks

Mr de Clercq: some difficult negotiations ahead.

will end in failure," Mr de Clercq said. Washington had made it quite clear that the December 31 deadline was

firm, he added.

While still hoping for suc

cess, all member states bad agreed nn a contingency plan for failure.

The EEC would match any American sanctions with

counter-action.

Mr de Clercq said that
Britain had indicated its sup-

The foreign ministers, under the presidency of Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, gave Mr de Clercq full backing to keep talking.

A top US delegation, including probably Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, and three other Cabinet members, is due to visit the Commission on December 12

Commission on December 12.

ministers' meeting under UK

presidency on December 15.
The US has based its claim
on the fact that the tariffs that
Spain and Portugal applied to
American agricultural exports

were fixed under the rules of

the General Agreement of Tariffs and Trade (Gatt).

The tariffs increased auto-matically to the higher EEC

If agreement looks possible, the formula is likely to be approved at the last foreign

port for such measures. The foreign ministers,

Administration.



patience with Mr Shultz nver said: "They feel betrayed and his attitude. Mrs Nancy Reagan is reliably said to be furinus with the way ber husband's and instead of taking the hulwith the way ber husband's top ufficials have failed to

Long influential in the selec-tion of senior White House staff, she is said to be pressing for the dismissals of Mr Shultz, Mr Regan, and Admir-al Juhn Poindexter, the National Security Adviser. Mrs Reagan's press sec-retary said she was "troubled"

and "hurt". A family friend

him nut dangling."
Senatur Dole, echoing the calls for White Hnuse dismiss-Congress has particularly

criticized statements by Mr

let for the President, they left understand the seriousness of the situation, and treating Senatur Dole, echoing the calls for White Huuse dismissals, said: "Right nuw they might to circle the wagons — either that, or let a couple of the wagons go over the cliff."

Congress has particularly contained on the contained Senate and pointed out a few facts and managed in pull Regan in which he compared that? I dun't say we'll be able his job to that of a "shovel in du it four times in a row. that? I dun't say we'll be able

been put at risk."

up a fiercely worded resolutinn at the weekend, accusing the Administration of duplicity, cover-up and "dangerous national enmmittee said: "Our position in the world has been weakened, nur credibility nn the issue of terrorism is now virtually non-existent, and other American lives have

Israelis to keep any deals with ran secret

From Ian Murray Jerusalem

tee will be given in secret any details there may be of Israeli arms dealings with Iran, Mr Shimon Peres, the Foreign Minister, told the Knesset's foreign affairs and defence committee yesterday.

Summoned before the com-

nittee to explain what the Government was doing in relation to any deals, Mr Peres refused to give any evidence. But he did give 2 strong pointer to the fact that deliveries had been made. If there were any deals, he said, they were so small that they could have had no possible effect on

the Gulf War.

In refusing to give any details to the committee, Mr.
Peres was following the secret line already laid down by Mr.
Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister who has start been start as Minister, who has stuck resolutely to the traditional Israeli government position that it never discusses arms deals. If deliveries have been made

to Iran, it is probably only known within the Cabinet to Mr Shamir, Mr Peres and Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Meanwhile, there is growing

concern here that grassroots apposition in the United States to the Iranian arms deal will rebound against Israel's

French to send 'ring of light' into space

Paris (Reuter) - European space authorities are planning tn put a ring nf light, visible throughout the world, into orbit in 1989 to mark the centenary of the Eiffel Tower.

The half-tonne package will be launched from an Ariane rocket. It will inflate in space to firm a string of 100 reflectors linked by narrow plastic tubes and will have a comprehence of 15 miles. circumference of 15 miles.

Spain boom

Madrid (Reuter) - Foreign tourists spent £6.4 billion in Spain during the first nine months of this year, an in-crease of almost 50 per cent nver the same period of 1985.

Priests held Maputo (AFP) - Rebels of Resistance have kidnapped three Portuguese Jesuit mis-sinnaries and 18 children.

Demirel clear

Ankara (Reuter) - Mr Suleyman Demirel, the former Turkish Prime Minister, was acquitted of defying a ban nn involvement in party politics.

Sikh shooting

Chandigarh (Reuter) - Suspected Sikh extremists shot dead the son of a Puniab police chief on a university

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levels when the two countries joined the European Commu nity. Washington contends i under the Gatt rules. American officials in Brus sels said yesterday the Commission had indicated it would not pay direct compensation, but would indirectly achieve

the same result by adjusting tariffs on a range of US industrial and farm exports. The principle of indirect compensation had been ad-mitted, and the question was how it should be achieved.

Ex-minister plays waiting game after Philippine 'coup' attempt

Spokesmen for Aquino and Enrile trying to keep lid on latest crisis

Filipinos were treated to the spectacle yesterday of the presidential spokesman describing in some detail a plot cooked up by men with links to the former Defence Minister. Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, to take over the Batasan Pambansa, or Parliament, and declare an acting President of the Philippines, while the new Defence Minister. Mr Rafael Ileto, declared that there was no evidence of a plot.

Both were partly right and both were trying to put the lid on yet another Philippines crisis to prevent it boiling

The official spokesman, Mr Teddy Benigno, was trying to depict President Aquino, fully in control of events, partiog company with her Defence Minister on the warmest terms. Mr Ileto, the new Defence Minister, was mindful of the fact that the Government cannot start investigating dozens of reformist officers behind Mr Enrile without provoking severe problems in the military. Nor could Mr Enrilc be prosecuted for trying to overthrow the Government, said Mr Ileto, because he was

no longer in the military. The weekeod's bizarre events had their roots in a series of demands put to the Presi-dent by Mr Enrile via General Fidel Ramos, the armed forces chief, who had the support of many officers in the reform movement which helped hring Mrs Aquino to power last

The demands included the removal of several Cabinet ministers the military consid-

The time to talk is now.

ers to be communist, incompetent or corrupt, a tougher stance oo insurgency, removal of some regional officials, abandonment of the new constitutioo and its replacement with a document to be drawn up and approved by the Bata-san, recalled with the same personalities as under former

former Speaker, Mr Nicanor Yñiguez, as acting President. These demands were debated back and forth over the telephooe during Mrs Aqui-

President Marcos and with its.

fence Minister said yesterday that his country is lucky to have American bases on its soil (AP reports from Manila). Mr Rafael Ileto said the issue of continued US use of the facilities must be decided by the political leadership.

no's visit to Tokyo but the murder of Mr Rolando Olalia, leader of the left-wing People's Party, and the kidnapping of a Japanese executive, Mr Nohuyuki Wakaoji, caused the letter to be at least temporarily pigeonholed by the President.

Faced with these demands from the reform officers and combined with a Defence Minister enjoying strong sup-port in the regions, the Presi-dent had the backing of her Cahinet and the public in Manila in seeking the removal of Mr Enrile.

By Saturday it appears a deal had been struck with General Ramos, no longer purely playing the role of middleman, and other military figures around him, press-

ing Mrs Aquioo to make changes.

No one is saying in public what the agreement is, but Mr Enrile appears to be playing a waiting game to see if Mrs Aquino will satisfy the demands the reformists and many of the middle class are now making of her. If she does not prove capable of grasping the oetile. Mr Enrile is well placed for a future return.

The change from a purely revolutionary Cabinet was bound to come sooner or later, but Mrs Aquino seems to have been incapable of seeing the oeed until it was pressed oo her in the strongest terms by the military. It is understood that the reformers want the removal of five members of the present Cabinet who are a mixed bag in terms of compet-ence, their single unifying quality being their opposition to the former President.

The removal of Mr Enrile is being depicted not only as the surmounting of a crucial test for Mrs Aquino but by her spokesman as an end to what he called the "hijacking" of the country by a small group military officers. Mr Enrile's removal is like that of a bone from Mrs Aquino's throat said Mr Benigno.

But the political economy of the Philippines is considerably more complex than that, and Mrs Aquino's most demanding test is yet to come: whether she is capable of removing personal associates from the Cabinet, oot only in the cause of peace io the short term, but better government in the



Mr Nicanor Yñiguez, former Speaker of the Philippines National Assembly, answering questions yesterday.

Bomb in bus kills two

Manila (AFP) - Two people were killed and 13 were wounded when a bomb exploded in a bus in the southern Philippines on Saturday.

The driver and a passenger were killed when the bomh exploded as the bes was about

Tagum town, Davao del Norte province, 546 miles south of Manile

Investigations were being conducted to determine whether the bomh was the work of communist insurgents. examination of Sir Robert.

Armstrong will tell closed court about KGB defector

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

Earlier, Mr Turnbull sug-

gested that the "treachery or otherwise of Sir Roger Hollis

is likely to be one of those

great historical conundrums

which are forever debated and

Sir Robert replied: "As the

Prime Minister said (in the

Commons statement), it is

impossible to prove inno-cence. It is possible further information will come to light

which would prove guilt. It

information (the investiga-

tioo) would have to be

history, like another one-time

sensitive subject - the Bletch-

ley codebreaking operation of World War II — and "to let the

participants speak their

At the start of the day's

hearing Mr Turnbuil returned

to the subject of Mr Chapman

Pincher, whose book. Their

Trade is Treachery, was written with Mr Wright's assis-

tance, and which the defence

maiotains was secretly au-

sitive information.

reopened."

forever unresolved."

The MIS book case is expected to go into closed session today after Sir Robert Armstrong, the Cabinet Secretary, declined yesterday to answer questions in open court oo informatioo pro-vided by a top Soviet defector on Sir Roger Hollis, former head of M15.

At the same time, counsel for the British Government foreshadowed that they would cite grounds of "public ining to resist producing background documents on Mrs Thatcher's 1981 Commons statement in which she cleared Sir Roger of being a Soviet

Allegations against Sir Ro-ger made by Mr Peter Wright, whose book is the subject of the present injunction hearing in the New South Wales Supreme Court, were raised late on the sixth day spent by the Cabinet Secretary under cross-examination.

Mr Malcolm Turnbull, counsel for Mr Wright, had referred to the defection in 1985 of Mr Oleg Gordievsky, then the KGB station head in London, who Sir Robert agreed was a man of "power and influence" in the Soviet intelligence service.

Mr Turnbull asked: "Given the nocertainty surrounding Sir Roger Hollis, given your concern about him, why has your Government oot released the information Gordievsky gave you about

Hollis? Sir Robert replied: "I am not prepared to answer any more questions about this in open court "

Mr Justice Powell and counsel for both sides then agreed that the court would go into closed session today and possibly tomorrow, in which time Mr Turnbull is expected to wiod up his gruelling cross-

Mr Turnbull asked Sir Robert if he knew anything about a meeting late in 1980 between Mrs Thatcher and Lord Rothschild, a senior Tory Party adviser said by the defence to have been involved in the publication of Their Trade is Treachery. Mr Turnbuil claimed the meeting took place at Lord Rothschild's St James's Square flat and con-

cerned iotelligence matters. Sir Robert said he had no knowledge of such a meeting. has not lf there was more Of the investigations announced by Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney-General, Was it oot time, Mr Turnbull asked, for the Hollis issue to be put on the shelf of into disclosures made by a number of former MI5 offi-cers in breach of their duty of confidentiality, Mr Turnbull put it to Sir Robert that it was a great hypocrisy" to take action now when nothing had been done in the past four minds, in their own names."
Sir Robert: "They are under
a duty of confidentiality not

Sir Robert replied that he did not know the circumstances of individual cases. Mr Theo Simos, QC, for the Government, produced a list of the documents which the defence may claim access to under an order graoted by Mr Justice Powell two weeks ago. and which was the subject of an unsuccessful application to



Mr Malcolm Turnbull: he is "appalled" by objection.

Contradictions of Saudi Arabia

Nation of stonings and space travel

Last week's visit by the Prince and Princess of Wales the contradictions of this secretive giant, torm between the tenets of Islam and the lure of the 21st century, a country which can produce the first Arab spacemen and unit additional and the lure of the 21st century.

King Fahd is clearly actual. Arab spaceman and put adulterers to the medineval death

The paradox is both social and political; the first illestrated by the treatment of the Princess in being excluded from all official banquets, and the second by the strange affair of the missing Crown Prince Abdallah, who was to have the strange affair of the missing Crown Prince Abdallah, who was to have been the royal couple's channelled large sums of oil official host.

Women remain severely repressed by Western standards. They are not allowed to drive, universities, a spectacular and may not even get into a car terminal for pilgrims arriving with a strange man unless

Although they can freely take up higher education and follow professional careers, they cannot attend a university lecture given by a man and are obliged to watch it on closedcircuit television.

Many women still leave their houses veiled entirely in



Prince Abdullah: known as a traditionalist.

black, making crossing the track, making crossing the road hazardous as they peer through the material. Others go with their heads uncovered, but any suggestion of a bare arm or leg is likely to earn them a severe reprimand from the religious religious.

the religious police.

Western residents of Ri-yadh say that, although executions are now rare, there are occasional reports - never published in the newspapers of stonings for adultery, the victin being whichever party to the finison was the married one. The fornicator is buried in the earth up to the waist. The first volley is with pea-sized pebbles, gradually increasing a delicate balance of maintainto deadly rocks.

successful - it is said that very few are — is pardoned, for it is experienced Western Arabist then regarded as the will of hash that they should go free.

Kissing between men and women in public, bowever like to keep them at arms'

chastely, is still regarded as highly offensive. Yet it is

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become more restricted, an indication of the powerful

enough to pay close heed to the religious lobby and its desire cast adrift from his traditional

To pacify and reassure the who are gnardians of the old Islamic ways, the King spends several hours each week in discussion with them, and has

They include new Islamic at Jiddah airport, and a new road, known as Christian Bypass, around the city of Mecca

to keep the infidels away from one of Islam's boliest shrines. King Fahd's formal title is Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques (Mecca and Medina); be does not call himself "His Majesty", that prefix being so potent that it can refer only to God.

Official documents also take care to state that the cornerstone of foreign policy is the eventual recovery of the third holy shrine of Jerusalem. Contrasting cultural back-grounds are evident even within the inner circle of the royal family of al-Saud, who rule the country as an absolute rate the country as an absolute but relatively benevolent mon-archy, King Fahd being his own Prime Minister. Crown Prince Abdullah, first in line to the throne, is a traditional-ist who spends most of his time in the company of his Beduin

His absence last week, sup-posedly at a Swiss clinic until he was unmasked in a luxury Las Palmas botel, may have been a subtle diplomatic mes-Arabia was not fawning over British royalty. Abdullah has a Syrian wife and is King Fahd's principal messenger to

the less sophisticated and less able of the senior members of the royal family, and also suffers from a stammer. Prince Sultan, the Defence Minister and second in line, is by contrast American-educate and an excellent speaker of colloquial English.

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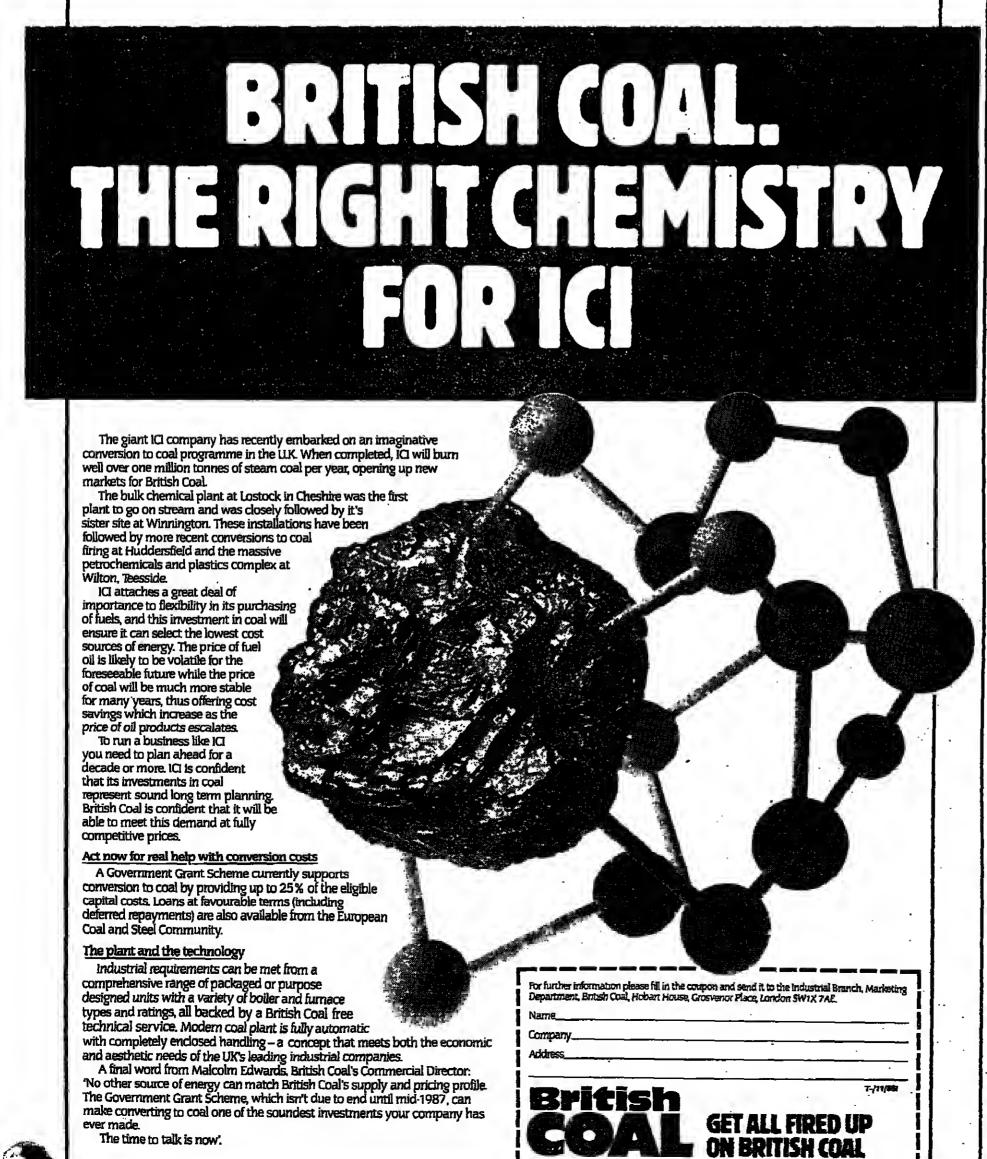
The same Arabist continperfectly common and acceptable for men to kiss each assume that there is any kind other, with an intensity that is highly embarrassing to any between the traditionalists and beterosexual Westerner.

The position of Saudi Arabian women appears not to

the progressives. They are very good at sticking together.

This is one of the most stable have progressed in the last 10 regimes in the region."

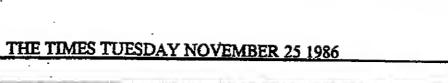
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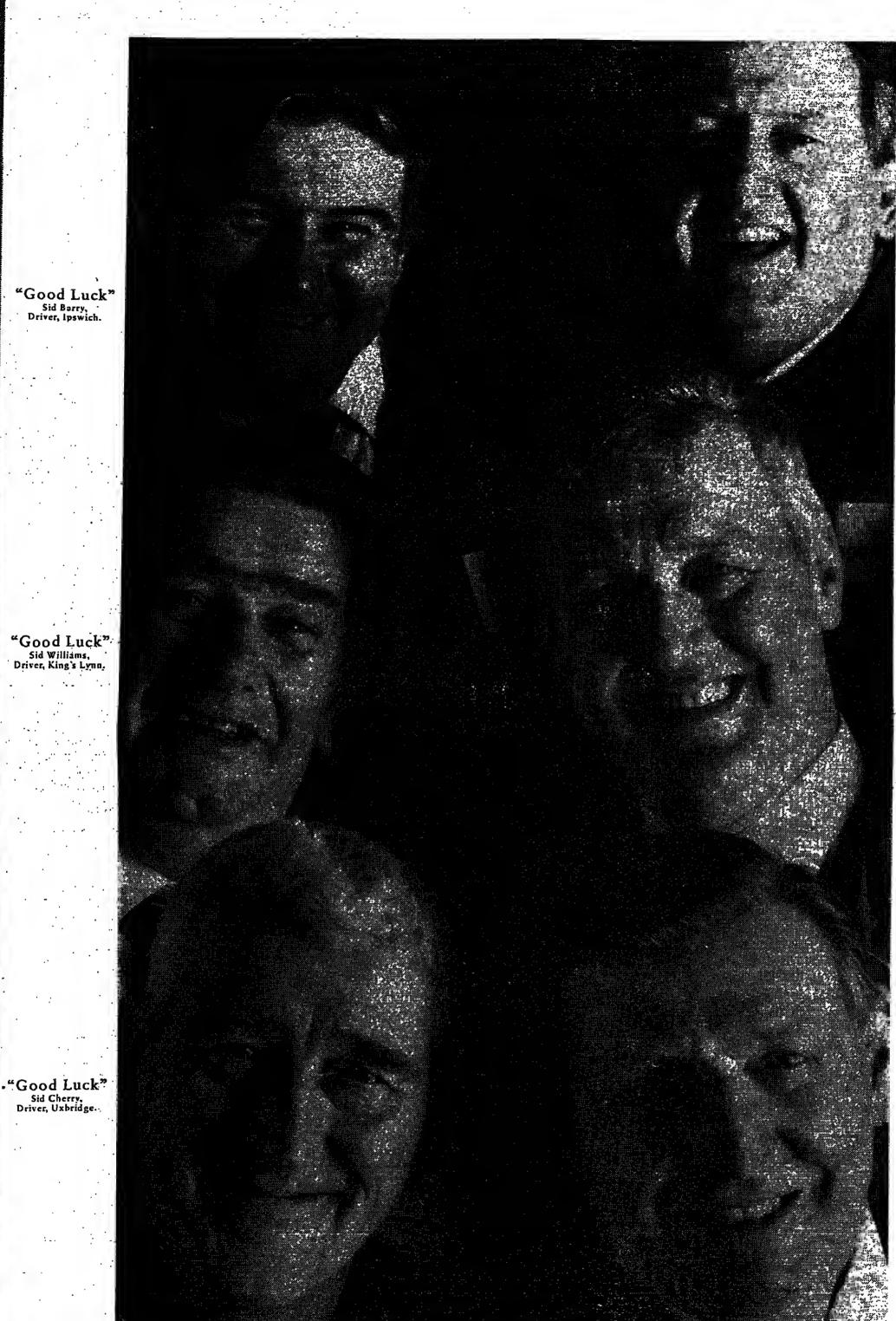


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Militant PLO slogans mark funeral of Arab moderate

From Ian Murray, Jerusalen

The body of a great Palestinian moderate, Mr Anwar Nusseibeh, was borne in sorrow and triumph through the streets of the Old City of Jerusalem yesterday to chants of support for the outlawed Palestine Liberatioo

Organization (PLO). In his life he had been a great advocate of dialogue between Israelis and Arabs. In death he became a symbol of the militant Palestinian cause. His plain woodeo coffin was carried through the streets of the city where he was ooce governor by young men chant-ing: "Israel, no. PLO, yes."

Israeli police, who had battled in the narrow streets only the previous evening against extremist Jews shouting Death to the Arahs", kept discreetly out of the way.
"With blood and spirit we will save Palestine, we will save Al Agsa," chanted the youths as the coffin was carried up to the Dome of the Rock and the Al Aqsa mosque crown the hill where Solomon's temple once

friends and relatives of the shops and apartments. An dead man, who was a former inter-racial fund has been set Jordaniao Defence Minister. ambassador to Londoo and leading citizen of Jerusalem. Several had crossed over Jordan to pay their last respects away. The fund would doubtbefore the coffio was lowered into the ground of the nearby seibeh more than his funeral

Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister, paid his respect in a message to the family praising a man who recognized that the future of our region lies in coexistence

Mr Teddy Kollek, the Mayor of Jerusalem, told the city council that he had seen Mr Nusseibeh only last week, and he had then typically condemned the angry violence which has torn the city for over a week, following the arrest of three Arabs for the murder of a student from a militant hible college, built provocatively in the Muslim quarter of the Old City.

That violence reached a peak oo Sunday evening when hundreds of supporters of the extreme nationalist Kach movement marched to the sceoe of the murder, demanding revenge and hurling abuse and stooes at anyone they suspected of being an Arab.

As a result of the violence, several Arab families have fled from the Old City, while some oear the bible college Inside were gathered many have been burnt out of their up to try to rebuild the damaged property and to sup-ply food and blankets for those who have been chased less have pleased Mr Nus-

'Arafat's daughter' to get out of Sweden

From Christopher Mosey, Stockholm

The deputy head of the Palestine Liberatioo Organization office in Stockholm, Miss Hala Salameh, aged 27 and known as "Arafat's daughter" because of her close the close that a senior Swedish diplomat, Mr Bernt Carlsson, had travelled to Tunis for links with Mr Yassir Arafat, several secret meetings. the PLO leader. last night agreed to leave Sweden before the end of the mooth.

Miss Salameh had at first refused to leave the country, decoucing as "a campaign of libel" claims by the Stock-holm Government that informatioo collected by Sweden's security police (Sapo) linked the PLO office with suspected terrorists living in the couotry.

Miss Salameh, however, changed her mind after talks last night between Dr Eugeoe Government — which has Makhlouf, the PLO office always had good relations chief, and Mr Pierre Schori, with Mr Arafat - to stop chief, and Mr Pierre Schori, the Foreign Ministry's PermaSweden being used as a "safe caste within an already privithen estimated at 27,709,000. is almost unknown outside the

As the row over the activities in Sweden of the PLO It is believed he confronted

Mr Arafat with Sapo intelligence, including a report that Miss Salameh had helped Abu Nidal terrorists by providing them with false identity pa-pers and passports and that Abu Nidal had established oumerous "cells" in Sweden to carry out operations against US and Israeli interests elsewhere in Europe.

The journey to Tunis was base" by Arab terrorists.



The Pope kissing a baby after his and the South Pacific (Reuter to protect human rights. reports from Canberra).

arrival in Australia yesterday. The the Pope warmly praised Austral- by their voice and by their votes to Pope, who is on a six-day visit, ia's achievements, but said that the ensure that nothing is done by the received the warmest welcome so country's four million Catholics far of his six-nation tour of Asia must use their political influence

"I hope that all Catholics, and all political leaders.

At a government reception later, your fellow-citizens, will invite you legislature to undermine these values," he told Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, and other

Jews muzzled by fear of anti-Semitism

Concluding The Times's examination of South Africa-Israel relations, Michael Hornsby, in Johannesburg, looks at the moral and political dilemma faced by South

African Jewry.
At its last National Congress in June 1985, the South African Jewish Board of Depnties adopted a resolution explicitly rejecting apartheid. Hardly a revolutionary ges-ture, it might be thought, but for the Jewish community here it was a historic milestor

Some may well argue that in using this word (apartheid), the board abandoned an old-established policy of not enter-ing the political arena," Mr Aleck Goldberg, the board's executive director, commented at the time, picking his words carefully.

But, he maintained, "ap-

artheid' no longer has the same political counctations," and "although ... the board came closer to the dividing line between politics and morality, it is very doubtful if it was

What he was saying, in effect, was that, as Pretoria itself now claims to have abandoned or to be moving away from apartheid, the Jewnunity could safely risk being a little bolder in its criticism of what, at least formally, is no longer government policy.

The very tentativeness of this approach says much about the curious position of Jews in South Africa - socially and

leged racial minority, yet still Emigration is likely to have haunted by ancient fears of cut Jewish numbers somewhat

Most Jews here are uneasily aware of the paradox that a community which itself has been the victim of racial appression for centuries. id he seen by most South African blacks as happily acquiescing in the maintenance of an overtly racist state. Yet those who speak out are not popular. Rabbi Ben

Isaacson has seen attendance at his synagogue in Johannes-burg's wealthy Houghton sub-

South Africa and Israel Part 2

arb dwindle sharply since he accused his co-religionists of regarding "racism as kosher so long as it does not apply to

Late last year, a small group of concerned, mainly younger, Jews met in a Johannesburg synagogue to launch Jews for Social Justice, with a manifesto opposing racism, police brutality and the use of the Army in black townships. Black groups welcomed the initiative, but fellow-Jews showed little support.

The number of Jews enu-merated at the last census in 1980 was 117,963, representing 2.6 per cent of the country's 4,551,068 whites, who in turn accounted for 16.4

Eighty per cent of South African Jews are Lithuanian in origin, a legacy of the mass exodus of Russian Jewry between 1881 and the First World War. There was a fresh influx from Germany in the 1930s, until further Jewish

As a group they are close-knit, endogamous, and over-whelmingly English-speaking and urbanized (60 per cent live in Johannesburg alone).
They are strongly Zionist, and more than four-fifths are Orthodox in their synagogue affiliation. They are prom-inent in commerce and the

Many individual Jews, although mostly secular ones, have always opposed apart-heid vigorously. They include today the likes of the opposition MP, Mrs Helen Suzm and the civil rights lawyer, Mr Sydney Kentridge, as well as such figures as Mr Joe Slovo, of the outlawed South African Communist Party.
As a community, however,

South African Jewry remains extremely cautious politically. It is often unkindly said of Johannesburg's Jews that, while most of them vote out of habit for Mrs Suzman's Progressive Federal Party, they would be horrified if their votes actually put it into

Chief Rabbi Bernard Cas-

Jewish community and is never seen on public platforms alongside the Tutus and the Boesaks, or white churchmen like the Catholic Archbishop, Mgr Denis Huriey,

ring apartheid. One reason for that is the absence of any black, Col-oured (mixed-race) or Indian Jews in South Africa, whereas the Christian missionary churches have millions of nonwhite members who have exerted grassroots pressure for greater militancy.

Older Jews also remember that in the 1930s many of the founders of the present rating National Party were open Nazi sympathizers. They fear that if they "rock the boat" politically they will arouse latent anti-Semitism, particularly among the new far-right

In the 1960s there was a period of tension after Israel voted in favour of economic sanctions at the United Na-tions. Pretoria retaliated by suspending for five years the transfer of Jewish monetary donations to Israel, and ques-tions were raised about Jewish

in 1973, relations between Pretoria and Israel have been increasingly close. Israel has helped Pretoria keep abreast of developements in military technology. Many Afrikaners admire Israel's efforts to preserve Jewish culture and, as

Concluded

drug crisis | likely poll

worsens From Christopher Thomas
New York
The "crack" crisis has

brought New York's judicial system to the point of collanse. Two ferry boats are being converted into jails and extra judges have been drafted in, but with at least 600 crackelated acrests a month it will hardly make a difference.

Prosecutors are handling as many as 60 cases at once. The scenes in courtrooms are chaotic, with lawyers' desks buried beneath swaying mountains of mamilla folders stamped with large black letters "Crack". Prisoners sweat for hours in airless court cells waiting their turn.

But, despite the purge, the epidemic rages from strength to strength, clearly out of

The drive against crack is different from anything else the police have tackled. Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of New Yorkers produce this po-tent form of cocaine in their kitchens, using ordinary

household equipment.
Instead of pursuing a few
big-time traffickers, police are
seeking the dabbler who works from his own apartment. Mr Robert Silbering, chief assistant to Mr Sterling Johnson, New York's special narcotics prosecutor, said: "Trying to break a crack ring is like dealing with thousands of listic agent?" little ants."

A new anti-crack unit established last May has so far made 3,700 arrests. On a typical day in the state Supreme Court, defence and prosecuting attorneys scurry from court to court, juggling trial dates with each other under the bored gaze of judges and clerks. Delays are intermi-nable: defendants can languish in jail for months.

New York police have been forced to release hundreds of suspects in recent weeks because the police laboratory could not produce an analysis in time for the required grand jury hearing. Plea bargaining is rampant, resulting in minor sentences for serious offences. "Everybody is engaging in plea bargaining at a relatively early stage," Justice Leslie Soyder of the State Supreme Court said.

Several bundreds of millions of dollars are being spent by New York state to expand and improve its prisons and to build two new jails. New York City's prisons are at 104 per cent of capacity and there were riots last week at Rikker's Island prison on the East Governor Mario Cumo has

increased the oumber of crimthey see it, racial purity inal court judges and, with little effect, and the anti-crack inal court judges and, with police unit has just been Herr Haider: his charisma increased to 200 officers.

Jail ships | People's set up as | Party chief scapegoat From Richard Bassett Vienna

> A coalition between the Socialists and the conservative People's Party was in doubt yesterday as speculation gathered that Herr Alois Mock the People's Party leader would have to resign. A rather shaken Herr Mack emerged from his party head-

quarters after party bosses ooked for a scapegoat for their party's disastrous perfor-mance in Sunday's Austrian general election.

From enjoying a lead of almost 6 per cent over the Socialists in the presidential People's Party fell more than 2 Herr Mock's prestige is unlikely to recover from such a blow, which was partly caused by the overwhelming success of Herr Jorg Haider, whose ability to attract nationalist right-wing protest voters from both main parties to his Free-dom Party was woefully un-derestimated by Herr Mock. Herr Haider's success

proved that many Austrians remain disturbingly susceptible to the charisant of a young right-wing demagogue. Voters flocked to his aggressive campaign, turning a blind eye to the fact that his party, after four years in office with the Socialists, carried much of the responsibility for the com-

But in an election in which party programmes were virtually non-existent, personality carried the day.

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According to provisional re-sults published yesterday, the Socialists won 43.33 per cent of the vote and 80 sents (47.6 per cent and 90 seats in 1983). The People's Party was 41.29 per cent and 76 seats (43.2 per cent, 81 seats). The Freedom Party received 9.72 per cent and won 18 seats (4.98 per cent, 12 seats).

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Corporation's treatment of
black miners would be biased
to the right. But it was so short that it was likely, however it was made, to mislead in some direction, if only by omission.

TELEVISION

For example, we were told that "the architects of apart-heid took the mining industry as their model". The im-pression given was that the Boer Nationalists modelled themselves on British capital-ists. In reality, they hated the capitalists, not least for trying to break down the colour bar in the mines. This was originally established by white miners, to stop workers of other races from taking their jobs. Apartheid might, indeed, he described as the political expression of white trade unionism—a system of restrictive labour practices taken to extreme lengths - but, if the makers of World in Action meant that, they lacked room

The chairman of Gold Fields, Lord Erroll of Hale, was quoted as saying "our miners have better conditions than I had at public school", a far from reassuring remark. For purposes of comparison, the series should include an account not just of conditions in other countries' gold mines but at Oundle, c. 1928, including the number of fatal ac-cidents, and the length of time

Andrew Gimson

Swinging again to the Sixties

GALLERIES

1966 and All That Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester

Make or Break City Art Gallery, Manchester

he Sixties evidently continue to excite renewed interest presumably we are just passing that crucial stage where what has been looking dated, dowdy and boring suddenly starts to look period, trendy and fun. This summer I saw major exhibitions in Paris and Cologne which attempted to take a steady and not uncritical look at the arts and their effects 20 years ago. Now it is Britain's turn. And the great advantage 1966 and All That, at the Whitworth Gallery, Manchester, until December 6, has over its continental rivals is that for once London, in their decade area. in that decade, was a much more interesting place to be than Paris, Cologne or perhaps anywhere else in the world - at any rate until 1968 and San Francisco.

"Swinging London": for anyone over 30 the very words must summon up a host of images. Miniskirts, of course, though as the show points out they did not reach their mimimum until the end of the decade. Carnaby Street, psychedelic colours, Union Jacks on everything. Beatles music, flared trousers, kipper ties. Habitat and Biba and Casa Pupo. We might not so immediately remember the period as the heyday of the tower-block, or spell out all the economic implications of the never-had-it-sogood ethos. And we are probably not quite sure when it all really started, when exactly Elvis Presley gave place to the Beatles. Or, for that matter, whether it all really happened, or was merely another creation of the PR apparatus which also came into its own at around that time.

The organizers of 1966 and All That are quite tough on the mythic aspects of the Swinging Sixties. It is to be noted that the principal organizer and author of the accompanying book (Trefoil, £8.95), Jennifer Harris, was 17 in 1966, which should have been about the right age to experience an alleged explosion of youth culture. But I cannot help feeling that she and her co-authors are somewhat unidiomatic in their recollections, or too inclined to see things through the blinkered eyes of the Eighties.

They point out, for instance, that the new women's clothes of the



Imperishable images of the Sixties: Klaus Voorman's Beatles record sleeve and John McConnell's Biba logo

Sixties were supposed to be liberating, but in fact imposed their own form of constraint concerning the skeletal Twiggy they observe "dimin-utive in size, the woman is also diminished in consequence", and the implication seems to be that mature women dressed in little-girl styles are bound therefore to behave like little girls. Surely this is a confusion of the image with the actuality: a big point of the Sixties was the amount of irony involved in knowing misquotation of styles and motifs: women in Mary Quant's babywear "skinny-ribbed" sweaters did not necessarily find themselves behaving like babies, any more than women in ankle-length skirts and granny-glasses behaved like grandmothers. The fun was in the discrepancy. In other respects the show tends to

be a bit solemn and sociological. But one has only to join the dozens of kids in school parties wandering round it, sketchbooks in hand, to sense that, for all the mild disapproval and admonitions that we must be serious about all this, the fun of the decade does come out. Of course the new enthusiasm for Victoriana, Art Nooveau and Art Deco revival spawned a lot of kitsch, eclecticism ran riot, and even today, after a more than decent interval, some of the dayglow colours, indiscriminately applied, are decidedly hard on the eyes. But the feeling of dynamism, and the sense that something was happening all round, remain irresistible.

The Whitworth show is primarily

about design, though there is an annexe of art from the period which happens to be in the gallery's collec-tion, and the early examples of British Pop Art and such do not look at all bad. I am not so sure about the discreet "modernization" of the Whitworth's own buildings - lowered false ceilings, lots of plain varnished wood — which dates from just that time and is carefully documented in a photographic display. It would be ironic if, just at the point wheo we are pulling down tower-blocks and and opening up again Edwardian vistas in our museums, we should find ourselves torn between returning to the original proportions and preserving the Sixties décor which has already, perhaps, become a part of the environment, worthy of conservation on its own

f we want to see the sort of thing that the Sixties dragged us out of, Manchester at the moment offers a useful point of reference in the Make or Break show, which began its life at the Royal College of Art in Londoo and has now arrived (until December 7) at the Athenaeum section of the City Art Gallery. If 1966 and All That takes us back 20 years, Make or Break takes us back 20 years before that, to the Britain Can Make It exhibition at the Victoria and Albert in 1946. The point of that was to signal, if not the end of wartime rationing and restric-tions — they hung on for some time

The Last Waltz Soho Poly

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Last year the accent was very much on things inclina: this year the organizers hare opted for a more varied pro-gramme, though the principal focus is a major restrospendive of the music of Lutana with The composer bimself to in active attendance. Subsidiakeeping the rondo finale oo a tight rein. And then there was Soviet music, and among these Soviet music, and among these groups there is finde dead; and the figure who has drawn to: most enthasiastic attention en far is the Soviet composer Solia Gabaiduline, who has seven works scheduled for the

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ROCK

Alice Cooper Wembley Arena

Damned, The Tubes, Kiss and eveo The Rocky Horror Show there was Alice Cooper, the as the routines, also bad an man most singularly respon-sible for the catalogue of miscreant entertainment that man singing "I'm Eighteen" has become so pronounced with such bravado was in fact has become so pronounced since his fall from promsince his fall from prom-ineoce. But Cooper has not audience punching the air in been forgotten, and his malign pantomime routines now seem more than ever an apposite representation of fantasy horror at a time when Dead" was the highlight for video nasties and "splatter" movies have become something of a norm.

The magnificent stage set was a Gothic cross between Frankenstein's junkyard and the wreck of the Hesperus, and Cooper, wielding a variety of whips, swords and canes, strode like Billy Smart in a circus of terrors through a litter of disembodied model legs and heads, pausing to fondle his python during "Be My Lover", engage in a whip-ping duel with a leather-clad

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dominatrix during "Go to Hell" and impale baby dolls on the end of a sword while singing "Billion Dollar Babies". Lest this should sound alarming, such antics are probably best explained as the behaviour which once in-Before the excesses of spired Salvador Dali to make W.A.S.P., Iroo Maiden, The a cream-cake sculpture of the singer's brain.

The music, most of it as old response were probably not far off that magical age.

While the notorious guillotine climax of "I Love the most people, my favourite moments were the appearance of a sweet tufty-haired mon-ster during "Teenage Frank-enstein" and the unexpected pathos of "The Ballad of Dwight Fry" when, bound in a straightjacket, Cooper sang plaintively "See my lonely life unfold".

Poor Cooper. The papier maché villain has found a new generation of trash-rock lovers to send him raving all the way to the bank.

DAVID WOOD'S

CONCERTS

LSO/Abbado Barbican

There are few conductors who. can match Claudio Abbado's sophisticatioo in the tricky business of delineating and refining Debussy's textures. Perhaps this was not the most exciting performance of Iberia imaginable: the ooter sections, in fact, were rather sedate and too obviously painstaking. But hearing how Abbado balanced these gorgeous sounds, coaxing some particularly breathtaking fragrances in "Les Parfirms de la ouit", was an education in the subtler orchestral arts. And one could

not wish to hear a silkier, more naturally shaped account of the Prétude à l'après-midi d'un The London Symphony

Orchestra's prelude to Debussy's early cantata La Damoiselle elue was also sensuously wrought, prepar-ing the ground admirably for those rather drippy images that prop up Rossetti's poem: lilies, ripe corn, eternal womanhood. To this the David Sinclair | fresh-toned ladies of the



Claudie Abbado: coaxing breathtaking fragrances

Londoo Symphony Chorus and the mezzo Claudia Eder grafted on a well-pointed narrative.

The central scene, however, is for the blessed damozel herself, and here the soprano Maria Ewing took ns into a different emotional league, displaying much firm, cultured tone especially in quiet, low-lying passages. She was, however, sometimes over-passionate where a certaio degree of limpid resignation is re-quired. After all, the lady might be waiting at the bar, but it is the golden bar of Heaven, and the wait could be

Brahms sat a trifle uneasily amidst all this Debussy, but his Violin Concerto sits with perfect ease on Viktoria Mullova's fiddle. To hear this work, such an epic challenge to technique and tempera-ment, played with infallible intonation and scrupulous fidelity to the composer's markings is surely a joy in itself. These are achievements that have been known to elude violinists with more vaunted "personalities".

Richard Morrison

RPO/Dorati restival Hall

Sunday night and all, or so it seemed, was right with the world. Antal Dorati was back with the orchestra of which, at 80, he is cooductor laureate; the Royal Philharmonic pla-yed trustingly and honestly for him; and the audience responded with warm and generous applause. It was the sort of atmosphere one could well imagine being generated at next Thursday's concert, io which Dorati and the RPO turn to a more benevolent Brahms. This programme, though - the Tragic Overture, First Piano Concerto and First Symphony - announced the composer as tragedian; and that it failed to deliver.

The Piano Concerto was a schizophrenic affair. There was Dorati, standing at a tasteful distance from the work's emotional trauma, turning its rhythmic corners firmly and gracefully, feeding each burgeoning melody with discretion and restraint, and

Stephen Bishop-Kovacevich, with a performance which sounded as if it had just been Brahms was in his heaven on removed from a hurriedly packed suitcase, strangely dispassionate, and with a patina of ageression to prove there was life io the old score yet Just such a performance must have caused the work's first critics to condemn it as "a symphony with piano obb-The C minor Symphony

afterwards, really up to the Festival of

Britaio in 1951 - at least the

possibility that the quality of life was

going to improve and that designers

might at last be given their heads

Though 40 years is a long time, it

seems longer. The main notioo of Britain Can Make It appears to have

been that everything was going to go back to just where it had been before:

things that had not been available

for the duration" would come back

again unchanged, and people would

be wearing the same clothes, living in

the same houses, eating off the same china, and using the same domestic appliances they had in 1939. No hiot

here of any radical change there might

be in the balance of society or the

tastes of individuals, let alone in the

technology which governed it all. And

it must be admitted that, despite Teddy Boys and skiffle in the Fifties,

oothing very radical did happen, in

That raises the questions it does

about the whole swinging decade, and

where exactly it was swinging us to. But comparing the contents of the

two shows does make it very clear

that in the early Sixties, when we

finally realized that we had lost the

Empire and gained the Beatles,

something happened in Britain and to

Britain, after which British design,

British music and British life could

oever expect to be the same again. . .

John Russell Taylor

It is fair enough that 1966 and All

design at least,

itself won through hy Dorati's judgement of tempo alooe. One longed for harder light and sharper shadow in the balance of orchestral parts, one waited in vain for melodic line to triumph over harmonic block in the second movement. The compeosation lay in the effortless control of pulse in the Andante sostenuto, the balm of a third movement balanced perfectly between speed and grace, and a finale whose ringing allegro theme needed only a longer

perspective to rise from re-assurance to affirmation.

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The day the milk turned sour



Part 2: A bitter pill for British farmers

In four months time Britain's dairy farmers face massive fines from Brussels for breaking milk quotas. Meanwhile backbench MPs revolt against plans to take land out of

production. In the second of our series on the Common Agricultural Policy we look at the varying fortunes of the British farmer

hen Britain finally joined the EEC in 1973, farmers could hardly believe their luck. Instead of target prices being set annually by the Ministry of Agriculture, under the niggardly direction of the Treasury, they were negotiated at a far higher level by ministers from nine countries. And because the proportioo of farmers was much higher in the rest of Europe, most ministers took a far more benevolent attitude towards agriculture than the British Government.

For the Republic of Ireland, where farming and farm-related industries still dominated the ecocomy, the effect was eveo more dramatic. Throughout the 1970s incomes and expectations reached undreamt-of levels with drastic effects upoo the oanonal economy, for which the Irish are oow paying the price.

During this time there were

sireo voices, warning of the dangers of setting intervention prices at levels far above world market rates, of declining export markets, and of the prospect that surpluses would soooer rather than later become unmanageable.

The warnings went unheeded. Farm ministers entered into each anoual round of price fixing apparently with a complete disregard for the fact that agriculture was taking an ever-increasing share of the Community budget.

ln Britain the Ministry of Agriculture was exhorting farmers to iocrease production and entioiog expansion with offers of
generous grants. The banks, too,
were happy to lend on the oldest
collateral of all — the land.
Meanwhile the butter mountain reached 11/2 million tonnes and warehouses were bursting at the seams with 1 million tonnes of skimmed milk powder. Something had to go.

For thousands of British farmers milk turned sour almost overnight. At 3am on Saturday, March 31, 1984 ministers agreed oo a blanket policy which would cut total milk output in each country back to I per cent above that produced in 1981.

There was no time for second thoughts. The quota was brought into force 48 hours after halfasleep ministers had made their compromise decisioo.

io France, where dairy production plays a comparatively minor role io the agricultural community, output had to be reduced by only 1.7 per cent. In Britain the effect was traumatic: an immedi-ate cutback of 6.5 per cent was

demanded. During the last two years the shock effects of this have been felt in every farming community in England and Wales. On the day the quota was agreed in Brussels, the Milk Marketing Board had 39,287 members; today the figure has dropped to 36,769. The board

blames the quota system.
On the face of it, the situation is absurd. Dairy farmers have been driven out of business or fined for producing too much milk. Yet millions of pounds' worth of cheese and butter have to be imported because Britain does not produce enough milk.

To meet home demand at least 16.000 million litres (3,520m gallons) is needed every year, but Brussels has decreed that its 12 member nations' farmers must produce only 12,377 million litres (2,723m gallons). So French, German, Dutch, Irish and New Zealand butter and cheese are bought in to stock supermarket shelves.

The situation will get worse; by April 1988 farmers must cut back to 12,000 millioo litres and proposals for an additional 5 per cent reduction are under discussioo.

Last year the Milk Marketing Board was fined £827,000 by the EEC for over-stepping the quota limits by 0.4 per ceot and they had to recoup the money from those of its members who flouted the quota rule, in some cases because finan-cial ruin was the bleak alternative. A penalty of 13p was imposed on every rule-breaking litre. There are now just two options open to small dairy farmers—

either quit farming or gamble. To the Brussels burgermeisters all that matters at the end of each financial year is whether member countries have stayed within their allowed quotas. "The gamble taken by farmers is that their overproduction will be offset by a neighbour's under-production," a board spokesman explained.

"It is not until the end of the milk year oo March 31, when we add up the total milk yield and know whether we are above or below the allowed quota, that they learn whether they have woo or

"For farmers who have everything to lose and very little to gain it is rather like betting blindfolded oo a hand of cards."



Squalls ahead: but Cambridgeshire farmer Oliver Walston and his dog Mosel are not in serious trouble

Riding the subsidy seesaw

Some farmers have grown rich from the Common Agricultural Policy. Oliver Walston, son of an SDP peer and former Labour minister, took over the manage-ment of his father's 3,000 acre farm in Cambridgeshire 15 years ago. The turnover is about £1 million and "I honestly don't know what the profit is."

The EEC restrictions, however, are starting to bite and be is making some modest economies. Four months ago he sold his Porsche and he now drives a Volvo. The farm now employs nine people compared with 14 eighteen months ago. "But don't get me wrong. We are not in serious trouble. To use a sailing analogy, if you see squalls ahead it is only prodent to make adjustments.

"We as arable farmers enjoyed a greater level of prosperity between 1972 and 1983 than I suspect any farmer has ever enjoyed," he says. "It was impossible to lose money. Even bad farmers made some money, good ones made a lot and excellent ones made fortunes." His holidays, taken with his American wife, have varied "from Beaujolais to Tibet".

During the good years wheat yields doubled, he points out. The reasons were the development of new varieties, new intensive techniques "rather like those of a market gardener growing lettuce", and the availability of chemicals which killed diseases we never even knew we had".

"The only thing that makes me angry was that farmers were so ungrateful. They continued to whinge. Each and every year they told a gullible public that unless prices went up farmers would go

bankrupt. I suppose in a way it was brilliant campaigning." During the boom years Walston

was able to re-equip the farm completely with new and expensive machinery, some of which he admits was quite unnecessary. He cites the example of a £2,500 grant for a £25,000 lorry which he would have bought anyway.

His case illustrates the difficulty of devising a fair subsidy system. There are more than five million farmers in Europe. Three million are very small, with no income, about two million are small but productive and 110,000 are big, 24,000 of them in Britain.

"The intervention system, which was meant to be a safety net, has torned the CAP into a hundic asylum," Walston says. "The floor is now the ceiling. I have sold wheat into intervention in preference to selling it to my local

He believes that politicians and consumers have finally seen the light and realized the folly of continuing to pay subsidies to produce wheat, barley, sugar and oil seed rape for which there is no demand. But he thinks that farmers will remain a protected species because of their influence in the

PAYING IN AND PAYING OUT: HOW BRITAIN FARES IN THE EEC STAKES



A curdled career

Seduced by Common Market promises, dairy farmer Vic Mor-ton took out a bank loan and sank his life savings into improving milk production. In four months' time, instead of collecting his retirement pension, he will leave

home each day at dawn on a milk float to deliver the bottles he can oo longer afford to fill.

It is a bitter pill to swallow.

Mortoo, a blunt-spoken Yorkshireman of 64, started life as farm boy with modest ambitions, then cautiously ventured into a farm business which he presumed would keep himself and his wife Irene comfortable in their

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while they remain in storage, they are national responsibilities. These unsold

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appear to be beneficiaries.

TOMORROW

Why the CAP

won't fit.

the world

old age. Now he feels betrayed. "Tenant farmers are relics of bygone years," says Morton, shaking off his wellington boots and walking warnly into the kitchen of his fearning friend told me two years ago that it was time to get out and even the bank manager said the same. I didn't listen and

my God how wrong I was."
Since the Common Market introduced a milk quota two and a half years ago, Vic has metaphorically drowned in an ocean of the unwanted liquid. His herd of 70 dairy cows produces between 80 and 100 gallons every day and wheo Government grants abounded five years ago for farm expansion, Vic seized the opportunity to build a retirement nest egg.

With professional guidance he compiled a comprehensive five-year farm projection which was approved. It produced a £15,000 grant to add to the £40,000 which came out of Vic's savings and a bank loan to fund a sophisticated milking parlour.

But three years ago Sheffield increased the annual rent to £4,000; then the savage milk quota was introduced, which meant only 330 gallons — less than half his weekly total — was wanted.

Even after the quota came into force, Morton was able to dispose of about 50 gallons of excess milk daily by bottling it and distributing it on the milk round which he and Irene have run for two decades. But now, like every other dairy farmer who exceeds the goota, Mortoo is fined 13p by the Ministry of Agriculture on every litre above the allowance.

Two years ago Morton tried diversifying into beef production, but high feed costs wiped out slim profit margins. "Yet again I got my fingers burnt," he says wryly. "It seems every time I try a oew venture I get kicked in the teeth.

"Farming has changed from when I was a boy. Now there is no place for tenant farmers, it's only big businessmen who can make a fat bying from the land. There must be something wrong when I get up at 5.30 every morning to milk my cows and then have to spend four hours on a milk round to subsidize their existence."

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Aberdeenshire fears that the variable beef beef and sheep farmer Eric Stenhen has little port from the hard-pressed phen has little hesitation in naming a major CAP success

story. At a time of plummeting farm profits in Scotland -75 per cent down last year the CAP has allowed sheep farmers to stay on the hills with a guaranteed level of support, through the sheep meat regime.

This has belped Stephen expand his flock to 600 head on his 680-acre mixed unit in the heart of rural Aberdeenshire, but he dreads to think what would happen if the Commission "pulled the

plug".
After the first boom years of the CAP in Scotland, the rise in interest rates in the Seventies knocked the wind out of

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port from the hard-pressed beef producers. High demand for good-quality malting bar-ley — he grows 250 acres of cereals — has helped equalize the picture, however.

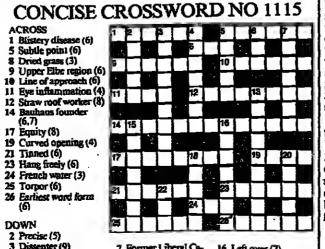
Profits have not been high.

Io 1975 the farm yielded £16,000 on a gross output of £65,000. The bulk was reinvested and he drew £4,800 and he cannot hope to into provide for his wife Nora and four children. Last year he made the same profil on a gross output of £120,454. He took £7,000 for himself and thinks he is worth more.

Ten years ago Stephen drove a new Mercedes; now he drives a 1977 Rover. Like other Scottish farmers, he realizes that the days of fullblown production are over. What they oeed now is guid-

farmers like Stephen. Now he ance from the Government.

the abbattou where he is paid a guaranteed price of £2 per kilo under the variable guar-antee scheme instead of the average £1.50 per kilo at which his lambs are valued at market prices. Over the past 12 months Bill has received a



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CAP subsidy of £12,000. The abbattoir claims back its loss through the Ministry of Agriculture. At Bill's local cattle market last week remours were rife that the premium on heifers cattle that would normally sell for between £350 and £370 were auctioned off for just £330. Next month the variable on comes up for author review. Any change in it could send Bill into bankruptcy. He bought his 212-acre farm near Aberystwyth in 1974 and added 140 acres in 1977. Hewas one of the lecky

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Bill

bleak hillside where his flock

nose out tufts of grass and

gazes anxiously seaward. His future and that of his sons Jim,

aged 21, and Bill Junior, 19, will be decided in Brussels,

All Bill's lambs go direct to

fluence the outcome.

against the icy wind, Weish

farmer

Lloyd

ones whose sheep were not affected by the Chernobyl disaster, although housewives boycotted the local butchers for three weeks. He is anxious both to di-versify and to regulate a gross income which cobs and flows

between £40,000 and £60,000 each year, and plummers to about £10,000 after overbeads have been paid, He rans an ageing Volvo and holidays are usually a weekend in London or the Lake District with his wife Lynne. In North Wales rich farmers are a myth.



FASHION by Suzy Menkes

Not since Norman Parkinson created fairytale pictures of Princess Anne in 1971 has a photographer conveyed the magical quality of royalty?

he exhibition at the Na-tional Portrait Gallery to celebrate the Queen's sixtieth birthday is filled with images, domestic and majestic, by painters of our time. It also includes photographs commissioned by the royal family themselves for official distribution.

Artists use licence and imagination and are aiming to please patrons, from the Fishmonger's Hall to the Reader's Digest. Their work must be judged according to aesthetic and artistic standards.

Photographers are called to the Palace to gild the royal image and, although some portraits may be more graceful or more technically effective, we must assume that the the Queen and her family and all their advisors have some general

If there is a cohesive picture of the royal family in the modern age, I cannot find it either in the current exhibition or in recent portraits taken of the Princess of Wales and the Duchess of York.

Disparate photographers doff their lens caps in the royal presence. Apart from Snowdon, who is primarily a fine portraitist, and Tim Graham, whose training was in news reportage, the photographers royal are mostly grounded in fashion. Sarah Ferguson and Prince Andrew deliberately summoned two fashion photographers, Terry Donovan and Albert Watson, to present them as a regal

Yet something funny happens to fashion photographers on the way to the Palace. All their training and experience in creating a striking FASHION EDITOR'S COMMENT

visual image seems to desert them. Not since Norman Parkinson created romantic fairytale pictures of a surly Princess Anne for her twenty-first portraits in 1971 has a photographer succeeded in con-

veying the magical quality of royalty.
This was done in a sugary way in the 1940s by Marcus Adams and by Studio Lisa, whose portraits of the little princesses plopped in frills and flowers make Lisa Sheridan the Crawfie of royal photographers. Such pictures had a particular, definite The Queen by Beams, 1956 half a century. Both

purpose: to show a misty-eyed vision of family life in a Britain of the Blitz. The late, great Sir Cecil Beaton,

whose royal portraits are a mirror image of his baroque and whimsical fashion pictures, is the only photographer to have created an image for the 20th-century monarchy. His pictures of Queen Elizabeth in ethereal tulle taken for the state visit to France in 1939 established a romantic style which the Queen Mother has carried with her for

were inspired by Winterhalter, the 19th-century court painter who is himself the subject of a major exhibition at the National Portrait Gallery next year.

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hat we have today is a series of banal pictures taken in the royal back yard, punctuated by the occasional Snowdon portrait designed to give historial depth and gravitas. There is a place for candid camera shots to humanize royalty. It is charming to see the Queen beaming broadly at the Duke of York's camera or the little Prince William on horseback. But these should be matched by pictures that set monarchy as a race apart, in the context of our history and with all the accoutrements of majesty.

produced in a more confident age. Now the photographs, like the events themselves, lack the element of theatre necessary to make the symbolic side of the monarchy impressive for the subjects.

Our royal family are, to an extent, beached in a Europe once over-populated with their species. The grand clothes and jewels are also left as an island of splendour from which the rest of society has receded. Instead of trying to underplay the glamour and the glitter, official photographers must play it up. As a women's magazine so succinctly put it: "Are the royals royal enough?"

Suzy Menkes discusses the Royal Image 1837-1986 at the National Portait Gallery tonight at 6.30pm. "Elizabeth II, Portraits of Sixty Years" runs until March 22.



Muted burgundy, blue and green argyle slip-over, £49.50. Green and white cotton shirt, £42.50. Navy corduroy trousers, £65. All from Mulberry Company, 11-12 Gees Court, W1. Tortoiseshelf-rimmed spectacles, £34.95 from Dollond and Altchison



Graphic patterned smoky blue, grey and black sweater, £119. Charcoal and blue check brushed wool trousers, £79, both from Malcolm Levene, 13-15 Chillem Street, W1



Coat of arms maried grey heraldic patterned sweater, 240. Fine stripe crinkled wool trousers, 235, both by French Connection from Connections, 55-56 Long Acre, WC2, Dickins and Jones, from Connections, 55-56 Long Acre, WC2, Dickins and From C

Knitting up the new mood

That indefinable look of the English gentleman: classic elegance and

understated class

Ever since Sebastian Flyte strolled on to our television screens in Brideshead Revisited, men's fashions have emphasized the kind of sartorial elegance of which Aloysious Bear would have een proud. The winter's knitlook for young English gentle-men combined with a more American feel for collegiate stripes and Gatsby-style

argyles.
Young fogeys, still hung up
on Nanay's plea for waranth
and practicality, will find replicas of their public school
games sweaters in thick grey
wool gracing the windows of
high street measwear shops.
They may even find their
family coat of arms emblazoned across the front or
embraidered on to a nocket.

embroidered on to a pocket. George Peden of Barrie Knitwear in Hawick, Scotland, cottoned on to this heraldic look and have transferred a design based on Hawick High School blazer badge ou to their perennial "Higgins" cardigan. This season it comes in cherry with collegiate stripes for a schoolboy preppy look.

Young fogeys will find replicas of school sweaters

Jeremy Hackett has cap-tured the young fogey market by selling the real thing: grandfather's cardigan, complete with muligataway stain for authenticity. He has two shops in Fulham and has just taken over management of those ultra-refined establishment outfitters, Cordings of

Roger Saul of Mulberry will

Roger Sant of Miniocrty will appeal to a more label conscious country weekender. His shop in Gees Court, W1 may not smell of old leather and mothballs but the feel is very mach P. G. Wodehouse, handing, shooting and fishing. Mulberry's argyle sweaters are in muted shades of autumn and oiled fishing sweaters are knitted in deep burgandy,

brown and charcoal grey.

A wintry idea from Jacger is a lambewool scarf given away with every sweater bought from their menswear departments. To qualify for this freebie muffler you can choose from chunky wool sweaters in raspberry red or cream to heavyweight cable-knit Nordic patterned polo-necks.

The feel is very much that of P. G. Wodehouse

Malcolm Levene's shop in Chiltern Street, W1 is decid-edly more yappie than fogey. Levene describes this season's knitwear, which is mostly commissioned from Italy or France, as "New Classic". The designs are based on old knitting traditions. Fair Isle and Aran, but the colours are totally unexpected. Petrol blue and metallic grey blend in more with the streamlined rails of Malcolm Levene's shop, and the lighter-weight sweaters and waistcoats fit more neatly over tailored trou-sers or under structured jackets for townies.

A new shopping stop for men opened in London last week. Zy at 59 South Molton Street promotes the American preppy styles that go so well with a Filofax and executive swivel chair. For £33.95, aspiring professionals can pick up a sportif V-neck cardigan complete with 20faster stripes.

Rebecca Tyrrel



Softest wool pale green cardigan, £235 and matching silk chiffon skirt. Both by Romeo Gigli from Browns, 27 South Molton Street, W1 Make-up: Debbie Bunn. Hair: Jaffa for Pierre Alexandre, 17 North Audley Street, W1. Photograph by MIKE OWEN

Spanish hat trick

Is milliner Graham Smith, whose clients include the Duchess of Kent, Princesses Alexandra, Margaret and Diana, giving away some royal secrets? Graham, whose designs for Kangol have include the chirpy sailor hat for the Princess of Wales, designed to wow the Italian navy on her visit to Italy with Prince Charles, unveiled his latest collection last week. It was filled with Spanish olé matador hats in striking scarlet and hlack as well as Infanta confections in black tulle.

Diana is confidently expected to pay an official visit to Spain next year, as guest of the Wales's close friends Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia, and to boost a major British fashion promotion in Spain.

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 Also turning heads is Kirsten Woodward, star spotted by Karl Lagerfeld two years ago and creator of Diana's Paddington Bear sou wester for the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of York. Kirsten, who studied millinery on a four-year course at the London College of fashion, has agreed to share her secrets with us at Liberty next Tuesday for the Times shopping evening. Couturier Victor Edelstein has also taken up Kirsten Woodward, who might reflect that after designing cream-puff-and-eclair hats for Karl's famous Patisserie collection, her career has been a piece of cake.

● I hear that British fashion students, who have given Jean Paul Gauttier some of his best ideas, have culled off a coupe royale. Gauttiar will brief students with his ideas for fabric design for this

year's Courtelle Award scheme. The Parisian designer, many of whose ideas were inspired by avant-garde student fashion, files into London naxt week.

Pats on the back

Energy minister Peter Walker in pin stripes, old school tie and Church's brogues, lived up to his title with n vibrant and rousing speech to the fashion establishment last Tuesday. The assembled throng, gathered together in the Hilton ballroom for the annual convention of the British Clothing Industry. Association was needen: ing Industry Association, was predomi-pantly male, overwhelmingly business-suited, and pleased to be patted on the back by the government for creating jobs in manufacturing. Breaking the sartorial mood was Jean Muir in houndstooth check, sitting with Royal College of Art rector Jocelyn Stevens representing art among the

Long and classic or oversize and fluffy: woollens are in tune with today's fashion

Knitwear is quick to pick up a - gentle, graceful and feminine - is best expressed in knit. The naked nape rises swan-like from a boat-neck sweater or a V-front cardigan. Attenuated woollens flow into soft skirts for a look that goes from day through to the quiet

Romeo Gigli in Italy is the author of the fashion feel for the long, the grave and the plain. His dusty colours, simple shapes and flat wools are setting a style for classic knits. These are in contrast to the fluffy sweaters with padded shoulders that were Milan's earlier contribution to fashion knitwear; to cheery oversize sweaters in bright knitted cotton; to winter woollies relying on unusual yarns or stitchcraft to give surface

The most recent work is colourful and abstract

Knitwear is for all seasons and all reasons, with many of the styles co-existing in the fashionable wardrobe. A newly opened exhibition at the Crafts Council emphasizes the "common art" of knitting, but the garments on display also show a continuous thread of fashion.

From the delicately stitched green and gold 17th-century jacket to the Edwardian woolly with its fashionahly bulbous leg-o'-mutton sleeves knitwear has adapted to the mode of the moment.

The exhibition is designed to provoke. Photographs and reportage from the past prove that knitting was often women's work rather than art or craft.

The large modern section should inspire Britain's 11 million hand-knitters. It includes tapestries of colour by knitting's guru Kaffe Fassett, bold flowers from Susan Duckworth, and Patricia Roberts's evocative South Sca Island fruits. The most recent work is colourful, abstract and sometimes experimental, like Susie Freeman's nylon filament knitting with sequins

trapped in tiny pockets.

Designer knits is also the theme of a new book, joining the crowded shelves of imaginative pattern books. Designs from America's Perry Ellis and Joan Vass, as well as knits from our own Bill Gibb, are included in Exclusively Yours. a colourfully illustrated book by Frances Kennett, £12.95 from Grafton Books.

"Knitting: A Common Art" is at the Crafts Council Gallery, Waterloo Place, London W1. until January 11, and then at Shipley Gallery, Gateshead, and Yorkshire Museum, York.



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30 years hard

The saga of barrister Nemone Lethbridge and convicted murderer Jimmy O'Connor has taken a new turn. The couple, whose marriage in the early 1960s cost Lethbridge her job, are to go to the European Court of Human Rights in January to try to clear his name. reprieve from the gallows in 1942. served ten years in jail for a crime he says he did not commit. Now 67, he has received a letter from the Home Office saying that although his conviction was 44 years ago, the file on his case covers the period 1941 to 1971 and under the 30-year rule cannot be released uotil 2001. "I want the Court of Human Rights to force the Home Office to release the papers oow," O'Connor tells me. Though the couple divorced in 1974, Lethbridge — who returned to the Bar in 1981 — says she will back him all the way.

Cahoots, mon

Following in father Patrick's footsteps, Bernard Jenkin has just been adopted as a Tory prospective parliamentary candidate. Not much hope of making it to Westminster after the next election, though: the seat is Glasgow Central, a Labour stronghold. Why has Jenkin, who sounds as English as they come, taken on the challenge? "I want to illustrate that people in the South-east haven't forgotten about Scotland. After all, the captain of Glasgow Rangers is an Englishman too," Jenkin tells me optimistically.

Trust Lloyd's to do it in style. For the official opening beano, the organizers bought up the entire stock of 1979 Veuve Cliquot — 5,000 or so bottles. Appreciative guests downed the lot.

Taken off

It doesn't pay to offend BA. Paul Maurice, aviation correspondent of the Londoo radio statioo LBC, wrote a critical piece in this month's issue of Executive Travel casting doubt oo the airline's ability to sail from privatization into profit. He ended with the comment that the chairman, Lord King, and the chief executive, Colin Marshall, "should call it a day after privatization and hand over to a new breed of dynamic management." BA replied by totally grounding Maurice, declaring him "beyond the pale" and withdrawing all press facilities. Nonetheless, Maurice says he intends putting the ban to the test by turning up at BA's Christmas



But the runour is they're still

Barclay backlash

Harry Phibbs tells me that the Federation of Conservative Students is to boycott Barclays Bank. The reason, of course, is Barclays' withdrawal from South Africa, deemed "gulless" by far-right Tories. Hasn't the FCS been abolished? Not until March. I am told - and there are still hopes that the Tebbit interdict can be lifted. A campaign to save the FCS is in the offing, with funds from wealthy sympathizers now being channelled through the right-wing pundits Sir Alfred Sherman.

Telling

The Bristol company Signs on Wheels, which displays advertisement hoardings mounted on 7½-ton trucks, will be glad that the British Gas campaign is finally over. When not oo hire, the trucks bear the company name and the slogan "Telephone Martin or Sid." Needless to say, hundreds of Bristol wags blocked the telephone lines with a message for Sid - so much so that the trucks were locked away in the garage. Manager Martin Fawcett offered them to Peter Walker, the Energy Secretary, as part of the BG campaign

On the mark

I am about to blow the final whistle oo goalkeepers' nicknames. Only the most unstoppable of your mailshots will lead to extra time. I particularly enjoyed the appellation of a goalic for the Plymouth polytechnic side whose surname was Jacobs; his team mates called him "Crackers" since you have to be mad to play in that positioo; I also liked "Teflon" for the man whose hands were non-stick, and the now defunct souhriquet for the young Peter Shilton (England's Number One): Dracula, for the reason that he did not like high crosses.

When the hassle got too much

Barclays Bank's announcement from South Africa is the result of several factors, including the long anti-apartheid campaign against Barclays for being such a major investor in the apartheid economy for so long.

This campaign has included the withdrawal by many students, municipalities and charitable funds of their accounts from Barclays over the past seven years. and has undoubtedly constituted an important part of what American corporations call "the hassle factor" in dealing with South Africa. In terms of this factor, when the financial returns from South Africa are outweighed by the related losses in other areas, the hassle isn't worth it.

Ulomately, however, the basic reason for the withdrawal of Barclays is that there are today some 44 million black Americans whose political leaders have adopted the anti-spartheid cause for the first time as a priority in American domestic politics, Inevitably this has been reflected in Congress, because there is no seat anywhere in the United States that is unaffected by the black vote. It has also been reflected in corporate policy, because oo major American corporation can ignore the sensitivities of 44 million black American customers.

These developments have in turn affected American foreign policy: witness the quiet crema-tion of the "coostructive Donald Woods explains the significance of Barclays' withdrawal from South Africa

engagement" policy and the new readiness in Washingtoo to do business with the African National Congress.

A further factor encouraging this tendency to drop South African business involvement is the fact that more than two-thirds of the world's people are "black" and are increasingly aware of and angry about apartheid, and that this affects relationships among the Commonwealth countries as well as the wider relationships among member states of the United Nations.

In short, the United States and the EEC can no longer afford to affroot most of the Third World for oo worthwhile gain, and as a major bank with strong American and European relationships Barciays would have been foolish and unbusinesslike to continue swimming against the growing

Withdrawal from South Africa will therefore take a lot of pressure off Barclays provided that is genuine and seen to be genuine. It will not be seen to be genuine if past lending patterns or loanstructuring services to South Africa are continued by Barclays under some other dispensation, but no doubt the bank's chairman, Sir Timothy Bevan, will be fully

aware of the pitfalls of such a COURSE

Barclays' decision follows earlier withdrawals from South Africa hy soch American corporations as Polaroid, General Motors, IBM, Coca-Cola and Kodak. It will inevitably cause a flutter among the other British companies involved there.

The argument that involvement by foreign concerns in the South African economy is for the benefit of black South Africans has never been supported by black leaders there who are financially and politically independent of the government. All of the independent mass movements - the African National Congress, the African National Congress, the Pan-Africanist Congress, the United Democratic Front, the Black Consciousness Movement and, in Namibia, the South West Africa Peoples' Organization—have long and consistently opposed such involvement.

In these circumstances it has been seen as arrogant of non-victims of apartheid, such as white South Africans and conservative politicans abroad, to brush black opinion aside and claim to know more about what is in the interest of blacks than the blacks do

It has also been noted that

South African government repre-sentatives and their supporters abroad who claim the blacks will be the worst sufferers from disinvestment are not generally known to be persons long con-cerned with issues of black wel-

As most black South Africans see it, according to those of their leaders who appear to have most support, they are in what appears to them virtually a war situation; that anyone who helps their enemy harms them, and that those most helped by foreign invest-ment and participation in the South African economy are the whites who benefit most in terms of dividends and, in the case of the South African government, from corporate tax revenue.

When there is dispute about who their leaders are, black South Africans are entitled to say that until they are allowed to prove this openly by voting, the western world should assume what it does about such countries as Poland that in a society which forbids most of its citizens to vote democratically, those leaders longest in prison or most persistently persecuted must be taken to rep-resent the wishes of the majority.

In Poland's case that means Lech Walesa; in South Africa, Nelson Mandela. And Mandela is for more than disinvestment. He is for full mandatory sanctions.

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Glanville Williams on the flaw in plans to video child abuse evidence

More humanity, Mr Hurd

live video links to enable children to give evidence in child abuse cases without the distress of testifying in open court and in the presence of the alleged abuser. The abuse will frequently have been sexual but may be purely physical.

After the oumber of cases of abuse which have been brought to light by the BBC's Childwatch team — some causing mental languish well into adulthood — we must give one cheer for that. Under the measure, as outlined by Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, at the Conservative Party conference, the principal courts will be equipped with video screens to enable all to watch and hear the child's evidence. Hurd's cautious proposal will save the child from going into the courtroom but lacks the important further advantages that would follow from a system of recorded evidence for child witnesses.

The live-link interrogation would still mean another grilling for the child whose evidence would still be elicited in court by a lawyer and video-linked to the child who is in some other place. Questions will be asked by a prosecuting lawyer on a screen, perhaps in his full regalia: a highly ideoce from a child, particularly in a case of sexual abuse within the

family. Doubtless it is part of the plan that defending counsel will be able to cross-examine the child from counsel's place in court. A wise judge will allow counsel to shed his robes for the purpose, but other objections to formal cross-examination by this method will remain. The child should be questioned by one person seeking to arrive at the truth, not by two people, one trying to elicit his or her story and the other to dispute it. Moreover, a defendant is entitled to conduct his own defeoce: will he be entitled to crossexamine the child? The idea is

preposterous. The proposed procedure would operate only at the trial, which may be long after the incident, when the child has forgotten some of the details. Not only will the child's condense long. child's evidence lose some of its sharpness through the lapse of time, but it is highly undesirable that the child should be required to remember the incident longer than absolutely occessary.

By the time of the trial the child



will have been questioned by various people, perhaps in a highly unsatisfactory way. The rules forbidding leading questions in court may be nullified by assiduous leading questions asked before the trial, all of which would be

revealed in a recorded interview. The recorded interview could then be made available to the nce. In contrast, the live-link procedure would not enable the defendant to see for himself, before the trial, the full force of the child's evidence, and so would oot induce him to admit his guilt and save the trial, as American experi-ence shows that video recordings do. Ou the admission being made, the prosecutor may be satisfied that alternative arrangements will justify the charge being dropped. Even if it proceeds, the court hearing will be greatly shortened by a plea of guilty, and the necessity for much distressing

evidence avoided. The video recording may enable the defendant to investigate and perhaps disprove the child's allegations. Professor Arne Trankell, in his book The Reliability of Evidence, described a Swedish case in which the sensitive examination of a boy complainant gave the questioner a lead that, when followed up, proved that the boy's evidence was mistaken. If the details of the child's evidence had come out for the first time in court, there would have been little opportunity to avoid a mis-

carriage of justice. The proposed procedure would out save the child from having to remeat the evidence if a new defendant was sobsequently added to the proceedings, whereas the video recording retains its value in these circumstances.

In short, the Home Secretary's proposal fails to offer most of the significant advantages of video recording. Hurd's rejection of video recording was perhaps due to the unfavourable publicity given to recent remarks by a judge and a barrister; but these remarks may be understood as having been directed rather against the way particular interviews were cooducted than against the practice of video recording itself.

Uoder a system of video recording the child's evidence is taken by a properly qualified and specially trained person (emphatically not in a police statioo). This persoo (who should always be a woman when the sexual abuse of girls is involved) may be the doctor (perhaps a police surgeon) who performs a physical examination of the child, or it may be a psychiatrist, paediatrician or other doctor, or a child psychologist or social worker, but the interviewer should in any case have considerable interviewing skill and the experience needed to understand the mental condition of the child complainant. She should also receive specialist instruction. She must, for example, know that leading questions have generally

This procedure should be used for all evidence by children for or against other persons, whether the child is the complainant or not



Esther Rantzen's Childwatch interviewers have drawn attention to the scale of the problem; Douglas Hard has plans to make a child's testimony in court less of a trauma. But he does not go nearly far enough

The defendant (if he has then been arrested or charged) could be enabled to attend with his lawyer and to sit behind a one-way mirror. The interviewer would be wearing a ministure ear-phone, so that the defendant's lawyer could suggest supplementary questions that he wished to put to the child. These requests would be included trial, so that the jury (or mag-istrates) would be able to check that the interviewer dealt as well as could be expected with the requests she received.

If the defendant has not been arrested at the time of the interview the defendant must be allowed to request a supple-mentary interview with the child, at which his questions are put to the child by the same interviewer. the whole being recorded in the same way as the first interview.

The proposal for recording the child's evidence which I put before the Criminal Law Revision Committee, unsuccessfully, many years ago (before video recording was invented), has oever gained professional acceptance, because would make a considerable departure from traditional procedures. But this is an occasion when the lawyers must shake themselves free from tradition. There is oo valid objection to the video recording of evidence, and everything to be said for it.

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Digby Anderson

Feeling the pulse of America

"Here they have to bury the dead above ground. It's the wet. The ground's so soaked with rain and Mississipi water that if you bury them below, the dead literally rise again, their coffics bobbing back to the surface. Someone pointed out you could bury them below if you made holes in the coffins, but it never caught on. The relatives didn't take to the idea." There are apparently conventions in decay.

Should you, after the recent elections, pompously ask Americans what their main concerns currently are, they will do their best to imitate a newspaper and talk of the failing public schools and functional illiteracy, the depopulation of the Midwest, of drugs, uncontrolled Hispanic immigration and the Middle East. But there is another way - and a very easy one - to get an idea of real American concerns. In a country where many people talk very loudly and clearly to one another in public you simply eavesdrop: there is no need even

to stretch or lean.
There's moch talk of the weather but it is different weather talk with a generous sprinkling of technical terms about highs and basins and fronts. It's more dramatic - the wettest since dot and at incredible miles an hour and is vividly illustrated - that's how I

heard the coffin tale. But private matters are also available and at the same volume. The man at Memphis airport, delayed because of the biggest storm since dot, ignored it entirely. He was worried about his relationship. His wife refused to have a home help to clean the house; she needed one but always said no; why, she wouldn't evenhave one in once or twice to try it. This indicated she wasn't relating to him so he had gone to a seminar oo relating and come back burst-ing with new ideas. She wouldn't discuss them. Just read the Sun-

day paper. He had even brought back some tapes from the seminar on relating to play on the car stereo when they were driving to Nashville but she wouldn't let him put them on. She didn't seem interested in deep-ening their relationship. He was hurring badly and so, he thought was Susie. He wondered if his business colleague, to whom he was relating this saga, would care to accompany him to the next

seminar. He would be glad to. They both should have taken up marathoning. The man in the airport shuttle at New Orleans did 20 miles every Sunday and after

the first three hours did he feel

good. No, he didn't actually get a high but he did feel good. Marathoning was one of the four bases of a healthy life, the others being clean air, uncontaminated nutrients and trust in God. He was in town for the ophthalmology conference. There were, someoec else said. 18,000 ophthalmologists else said, 18,000 ephthalmologists loose. There certainly were a lot and you could watch as well as hear them: in St Louis cathedral listening to the archbishop explaining what the Faithful should shout at the Pope on his visit next year ("Long his though the Pope"); in the source shops busing appropriate the pope of the source of the pope buying aprons emblazoned "Cre-ole food — hot peppers make hot lovers"; in sober blazers, red ties and black trousers gazing in at the jazz bars on Bourbon Street, their long vented bottoms twitching restrainedly to the beat.

Pairs of senior ophthalmologists who had managed to swing free trips for their wives, the laties squeezed into shorts and all four trying to maintain conversation and progress past tap dancing black boys and a lady touting for restaurant customers in a vast but elegant crinolene, from the bem of which protunded equally vast but very dirty running shoes.

One knew they were ophthalmologists because they

helpfully kept on their badges, each with name and conference designation. Some, it is true, were not full ophthalmologists. One complaining about the spicy Cajum food in a restaurant was labelled not "dector" but "health professional". Boy, that shrimp was so spiry she couldn't finish it. But she was glad she had chosen it and not the crayfish. At least she could have eaten it if it hadn't been so spicy but goodness knows how you eat a crayfish in its shell. "Could I have another Diet Coke with my shrimp?"

Are you bored with the health professional's concern to eat at exotic restaurants without actually eating anything exotic, the deepening of relationships to fit the designs of cassette counsellors and the running obsessions of aging ophthalmologists? Then turn your chair a little: the lady at the next table is describing her operation. Tilt back and there is a 20-minute saga about career trajectories and divorce with full personal details, and someone, unseen, has just bought his 47th home in 20 years. His wife says if he moves again, to send a forwarding address - she'll leave him. Why anyone should need to ask what America is thinking, I wouldn't know, The author is Director of the Social Affairs Unit.

A.N. Author

Knife twist with a difference

I want to tell you today about my enemy, C.R. lttick, who over the years has delighted in doing to me and my work what I are now about to do to him. I have thought long and hard about the merits of dignifying him through the means of public abuse. I have debated the matter with my best friend, A.N. Other-Author, who counselled me against such a course, but I have

ignored his advice. C.R. Ittick first came into my life when he delivered 854 words (I counted them all oot and I counted them all back) of sustained damoation oo my first oovel, The Soul of Mrs Saxby, a torrid chronicle of amorous fantasy in the suburbia of the late 1970s" (Sucker and Windbag, £5.95 - remaindered copies still available from A.N. Author for the price of a pint) in one of the 'quality" dailies.

Other-Author's argument was that in the very act of deprecating a critic, you do obeisance to his influence. I take the point, but you see, this man Ittick is such an out and out swine that these niceties become academic.

I happen to know that Ittick himself had attempted a covel along similar lines, this much I gathered from one of his many disaffected girl friends, who promised that she would filch the manuscript for me from the bottom drawer of his desk, where it presumably still languishes like a completely unviable whale. It is one of the great chagrins of my life that she has not yet delivered.

In punishing me for my admit-tedly modest initiative Itrick was at the same time atoning for his own frustrations, and for this I will never forgive him. I have his review in front of me now, which is suitably yellow with age: "Author's portrayal of middle age desire bears the stamp of one for whom all positive impulses have been subsumed by cynicism." He should know.

The greatest irony of all this is that I should now be writing about a man whose failure as an author was the single thing most responsible for his power over the likes of me. One of the reasons for which I ignored Other-Author's advice was that everyone in the business seemed to be so affected by Ittick's . judgements. He had merely to touch his forelock in the direction of an embryonic Amis and the young man's reputation was made; he had but to dismiss the meanderings of a late Kingsley and the old man's standing lay in

One result of this has been to engender a really terrible duplicity in Other-Author, if he receives a

about it mightily; if he gets a bad one, he dismisses it as the ramblings of an inconsequential and vindicitive hack. I think it is quite wrong for Other-Author to have it both ways.

But that is oot the point I wanted to describe C.R. Ittick to you, with a view to causing him pain, and I shall oow do so. He has the nearest condition that a man can acquire to pregnancy, which has been brought about hy a favish expense account. He has to pull his shoulders back as a counterweight to the burgeoning belly, and hold his feet at an angle of tento-two in order to make the whole assembly roadworthy.

The other thing about him is

that he is the most dreadful scrouoger. I believe that he regards life as a train in which he enjoys the prerogative of the first-class compartment. The thesis runs as follows: I (Ittick) represent the licensed sampler of excellence in all its forms. Accordingly, I shall travel first-class to every literary junket, however distant, that in-vites me: above all, I will turn out of an evening to ingest critically the latest servings of the Roux Brothers; but all this I will do in order to service the trickle-down theory, which dictates that the quality of goods enjoyed by the rank and file depends on the quality of those at the top end of the market - in the same way that the family saloon is affected to due course by the development of the Formula One racing car, the only constant principle is this: if luxury, or bedonism, or any of their related gifts, are oo offer, I demand the right of first refusal.

The other day I put this theory to a fellow-sufferer at C.R. Ittick's hands. His first reaction, like that of Other-Author, was to wonder why on earth I was spending all this breath on the denuociation of someone who was unworthy of such attention. I then expatiated on the theory of the train-as-life. vis-2-vis C.R. Ittick, and my friend replied, as quickly as you please. "Maybe, A.N., but he dido't have to take the entire coach, did he?"

I suppose that a creature such as litick never really deserved the space which I have accorded him here, until I think of the number of words that he has spent on me.

I await with interest Other-Author's reactions to what I have just written. I suspect he will be full of magnanimity towards C.R. Ittick and his dubious functions. and very ready to attribute the basest of motives to me. However, once Other-Author's next novel comes out (if ever it does) and litick gets his hands on it, I expect all thats will change.

Miles Kington is in Burma.

Tribal rivalry adds to Kabul disarray The circumstances and timing of

Presideot Babrak Karmal's sudden departure from office last week shed some light on the internal problems facing the Soviet-backed regime in Kabul. Karmal effectively lost power in May when his younger colleague, Dr Najib, took over as secretarygeneral of the ruling PDPA (People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan). Naith was angered by the series of pro-Karmal

demonstrations in the capital and suspected Karmai of encouraging his supporters to voice their resentment of the changeover. Since May latent rivalry between supporters of opposed PDPA factions has erupted into opeo confrontation in Kabul, with many gunfights and bombings, most by the Khalq faction of the PDPA rather than the Afghan

resistance. One recent car bomb almost killed a Soviet VIP. The small Marxist party, formed more than 20 years ago, divided into two factions, Khalq (masses) and Parchan (banner), largely because of the rivalry between the Pushtun or Pathanbased Khalq and the more sophisticated, wider based Parchan grouping. After the 1978 coup that overthrew President Daoud the Parchan factioo sooo lost power to its Khalq rivals under President Taragi and Hafiz Ullah Amin. The Khalo faction has not for-given the Russians for the 1980

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Parchan-dominated regime led by

Moseow's replacement of Karmal should come as no sur-prise. As a veteran Afghan leftwing MP and politician of some standing since the 1960s, he had served his purpose in lending some credibility to the puppet regime formed immediately after the Soviet invasion.

But Karmal proved unable to achieve major Soviet goals. He failed to heal the sharp divisions within the ruling party and, after almost seven years, had made little progress towards winning international recognition of the regime or in getting a peace settlement satisfactory to Mos-

As for the and-guerrilla war, the Afghan army's performance has been so poor that unless morale and discipline improve the Kabul regime will remain dependent indefinitely on a heavy Soviet military involvement: at present the 115,000, Soviet troops out-number Afghan regular forces. Dr Najih, former director of Khad, the powerful KGB-trained Afghan secret police, is a very different type from Karmal. He has the confidence of the Soviet

backing of Khad. He has proved to be far more energetic than the ailing Karmal, flying to many provincial centres to rally support, and has tried to put new vigour into the task of crushing the guerrillas. During his work with Khad, Dr Namb learned a lot about the

advisers who pull most of the

strings in Kabul, as well as 'the

Najih: a tricky balance

techniques of counter-insurgency and the infiltration of Afghanistan's tribal and rural society. A Pushtum from the border province of Paktya (facing Pakistan's North-West Frontier province), he has had some success in winning over Pushtun (Pathan) tribes on both sides of the frontier. Pushtuns form the biggest nationality or ethnic grouping in Afghanistan and have long provided the rulers in this land of diverse races and languages. Above all, Pushtun tribes control the crucial Afghan border region with Pakistan

Increased tribal co-operation and Soviet air surveillance has either blocked or made very dangerous some of the key border routes into Afghanistan. It has sharply increased the logistical difficulties of the guerrillas in cootinue fighting.

Under Dr Najib there are signs of a distinct shift towards emphasizing the Pushtun nature

of the regime. This is seen in its propaganda and greater use of the Pashto language in the official media. Promotions to senior party posts have gone mainly to Pushtuns, some of them close allies of Dr Najib, while some important figures have lost out recently notably the former de-fence minister, General Abdul Qader, a Tajik from Herat, who still has stong military links. In October he became ambassador to

These changes may be designed to appeal to alienated members of the party's Khalq faction, as well as some Pushtum nationalists; both trends are well represented in the Afghan armed forces.

At the same time, this heavy Pushtun emphasis seriously risks upsetting the many non-Pushtum members of the PDPA: Tajiks, Uzbeks, Hazaras and others. Already facing strong opposition from the resistance, and with a claimed party membership of only 155,000, the PDPA can scarcely afford further internal divisions. but this seems to be the most likely result of upsetting the delicate balance of ethnic power within the

Anthony Hyman The author's book. Afghanistan Uoder Soviet Domination 1964-

83, is published by Macmillan.

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BARCLAYS FLIES NORTH

"The Eagle Has Landed" was the somewhat unfortunate logo of a recent Barclays Bank advertising campaign in South Africa. It is safe to assume that in Johannesburg yesterday Sir Timothy Bevan's decision to sell off British interests in the bank at a bargain basement price to South Africa's giant Anglo- American Corporation was dismissed as "the chicken has run".

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South Africans have become innured to the growing tendency of American-led multinationals to depart in response to a combination of international hostility and South African recession. But Barclays is in a different category to General Motors, IBM and Eastman Kodak

As the biggest bank, and one of the oldest, in South Africa, it has played a long and vital role in the country's economic development. Even today it remains the largest financier of South African agriculture. But the shock goes deeper than that. There was always a sense in Johannesburg that British businesses, because of their greater understanding of the country through political and financial ties stretching back to colonial times, would be among the last to quit the South Africa.

That illusion has been shattered not by a sudden onset of virtue in the City, but because of the international character of banking today. Barclays is deeply involved in the national companies begin to competitive world of Ameri- feel the loss of agressive

can finance where its South African ties have not been helpful. Third World pressure, too, meant that it paid for its South African presence with the loss of large and significant international loans. It is a price which the bank was no longer prepared to pay. So Barclays, like its American counterparts, has turned an economic necessity into a political virtue.

Just how virtuous it should feel, however, is open to question. True, it is withdrawing its funds at the derisory financial rand rate while sacrificing dividends at the much higher commercial rand. It is equally true that the financial assistance given by other divesting multinationals to enable South African management to purchase their companies has meant the short-term inflow of foreign capital. And the purchase of assets at bargain basement prices will mean invisible savings for the South African economy.

But the inflow of capital will be short-lived. As a developing country, South Africa needs access to foreign capital in the long term if it is to grow at the rate essential to employ, house and feed its growing black population and to introduce greater economic equity through both the marketplace

and government welfare. If these are losses over the long term, however, it will take only a short while before black employees in formerly multipromotion schemes, fair employment codes and eventual jobs. South African management, relieved of the need to follow expensive social responsibility programmes, will now be likely to trim staff and wages in search of high productivity and profits.

Barclays has long been one of the better employers in South Africa, actively training and promoting black workers to senior positions. It has also taken substantial profits out of the country. If its fair employment practices are not to be seen with hindsight as hypocritical conscience money paid to soothe world opinion, it could acquire a little real virtue by plowing back some of those profits into assisting the black workers who will be hurt by its departure.

Taking a leaf from the book of those multinationals which have elected to remain, it could do worse than establish a trust fund to be used in the critically important areas of non-segregated housing, black teacher training private nonsegregated schools and black advancement in the informal business sector.

It was probably inevitable that the bank's international exposure and vulnerability to pressure would compel it, in the interests of its shareholders, to cut its South African ties eventually. But if the Barclays eagle has flown, a true concern for the interests of black South Africans requires that it leaves something more behind than a barren nest.

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effectively kept her in power. .

remains to be seen. If it

includes, as it appears to, a

The price for this support

TO FIGHT ANOTHER DAY?

President Corazon Aquino's action in dissolving her cabinet and dismissing her defence minister is being hailed as a turning point in her administration. The myth is abroad that she has passed her first and greatest test and is now virtually unassailable. Little could be further from the

truth. Mrs Aquino has, it is true, shown political strength of an order which has been lacking in her government in recent months. She has also shown an instinct for personal survival. But she had earlier allowed an develop marked by rumours of coups and counter-coups.

Before the weekend, elements in the army had become restless as President Aquino persisted in her attempts to talk to the communist and Muslim insurgents. The murder and mutilation of a senior trade union leader brought left-wing sympathizers on to the streets in force. The killing of a respected Muslim leader threatened increased violence on the southern island of Mindanao. And the kidnapping of a Japanese businessman posed a threat to

potential foreign investment. Domestic and foreign confidence in the Aquino government's ability to preserve law and order, let alone pursue policies that would foster stability and future prosperity, was being nndermined. There was need for strength. Whether in showing

that strength at the weekend, President Aquino was leading events, or merely reacting to them, however, is open to question.

In removing her Defence Minister and chief rival for power, Juan Ponce Enrile, she has conceded that the consensus which brought her to power is beginning to break down. She may have eliminated a host of potential problems. Mr Enrile's hand was seen behind many of the adverse developments of recent weeks. But she may also have stored up difficulties for the future. Mr Enrile now owes no allegiance at all to the Aquino government. He may prove more dangerous outside the government than within it.

President Aquino still has much running in favour of her administration. The tide of popular goodwill on which she rode to power has not abated. That much was apparent from the reception she was given when she announced her move against Mr Enrile. The Catholic Church, a powerful influence in the Philippines, is still on her side - though less unquestioningly perhaps than before - and she has judiciously cultivated it.

Most important, she continues to command the sympathy of most of the armed forces. They had a clear choice at the weekend between Defence Minister Enrile and President Aquino. General Ramos, the Chief of Staff, came down on

PRISONS AND POLITICS

Prison policy operates within severe restraints. At a time when crime rates and the prison population are rising, resources are limited by many other claims on public money which are a great deal more attractive and certainly have more weight with most citizens. To place spending on prisons above spending on the classroom or the hospital ward is, understandably, not most people's instinctive reaction. weeks, to cater for the wide But as a result, we now have variety of offenders, with, for

overcrowding in antiquated prisons which operate on standards well below what most people would regard as reasonably humane. This is closely linked with an unresolved argument about what the object of prisons should be, and how it should be achieved.

In the 1960s and 1970s there was a fashionable belief that the major part of the function of prisons was the treatment of offenders with a view to curing them of their propensity to crime. The k R prison service was seen as in some way comparable to a medical procedure by which prisoners could be enabled to lead a useful life when they returned to society. That fashion has now waned and informed opinion has increas-ingly tended to be that whatever is provided in prison (as distinct from the fact of imprisonment) makes little

difference.

To the extent that this is true, it leaves a kind of moral vacuum, which is dispiriting to prison officers who wish to be more than operators of the mechanics of keeping people locked up. It is comparatively easy to manage a regime for long-term serious offenders. But it is much harder in overcrowded local prisons with medium and short-stay prisoners, some of whom are only there for a matter of

instance, training.
Attention has been focussed on all these matters in a report by Mr Ian Dunbar, director of the Prison Department's South-West region, which emphasises the need to define its functions and tasks. "If rehabilitation is one major aim of the prison system, then the functions of the prison service must be defined to make it abundantly clear how to put rehabilitation into practice ... Similarly, if punishment is another major aim of the prison system, then definition of the functions must include practical directives as to how best this is to be achieved.

ditions of incarceration are not intended as a means of fulfilling the aim of punishment." Overcrowding and bad conditions have clearly contributed to the increase of riots in

making it clear that the con-

pledge by the President to break off talks with the communists unless they produce results, the army's misgivings about compromising with the insurgents will have been partially answered. The attraction of Mr Enrile's position will be diminished, and bored soldiers whose attention might otherwise be diverted into politics will be dispatched once more on counter-insurgency mis-Abroad, the Aquino

government's fortunes are still mixed. In granting additional aid to the Philippines, the United States has expressed its confidence in the new government. It has also given political support to Mrs Aquino in carefully timed disclosures about Mr Enrile's financial dealings. But Mrs Aquino's recent visit to Japan yielded little financial assistance and little political assurance. The most important economic power in the region seemed to be unwilling — as yet — to invest too heavily in a government still feeling its way.

The removal of Mr Enrile means that President Aquino has one less obstacle to pursuing the policies on which she came to power and one less excuse for departing from them. The future of the Philippines is now, more than ever, her responsibility.

prisoners to accept prison discipline. Yet too many people who are rightly concerned to ensure prison discipline are prone to speak as if they were indifferent to the conditions which undermine it. Similarly, advocacy of reform too often carries overtones of reluctance to accept the deterrent and punitive purpose of prison. Answers to overcrowding must include seeking a much greater clarity about who should be sent to prison, what for, and for how long.

A much clearer sense of objectives and moral values in the prison service, with a practical code of standards to implement it, is essential if imprisonment is not to be counter-productive. Unfortunately, government thinking seems restricted to trying to make things as they are work better. This latest report, one in a line of many, invites them to go back to basics. There is

little sign that they will do so. The Home Office reaction is that Mr Dunlop's is a personal report (true enough) to be fed into the policy - making machine for due consideration. which, alas, is probably all it will get. But for this the machine is not good enough.

Like all important questions, it is a political matter and ministers would be wise to bring their political thinking to bear prisons and the refusal of on it.

Awacs merits in airborne warning

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

a broad spectrum of British in-dustry. Boeing and Westinghouse have demonstrated their capabil-ity consistently to meet and often

exceed their offset commitments.

Through the offset programme

British industry will be given the most competitive and favoured

entrée ever into the US défence

and high-technology markets. Boeing will share with its British

associates further export opportu-

nities for the Awacs, some of

which are already well advanced,

with three other governments currently discussing the purchase

Rather than selling Britain's birthright, as Sir Woodrow Wyatt

suggests, the proposed new Anglo-

American technical partnership

will give a powerful stimulus to Britain's technological base. The Plessey/Westinghouse relation-

ship, for example, is likely to set new standards in world radar

technology.

A similar pattern will be re-

peated with many UK manufac-

turers throughout the country.

This will soon be reaffirmed by the

thousands of new jobs created by

the offset programme should the

Government choose the E-3

Awacs with its proven perfor-mance and reliability.

m the Falklands that one warship

can make the difference between

war and peace, and it could

happen almost anywhere. For this

political role the traditional blue-

water escort is not particularly suited, but the short/fat vessel

could be, especially if it is cheaper.

Atlantic makes sense for the Royal

Navy; but it is surely a terrible

waste of an opportunity to con-

duct this expert controversy with-out identifying a peacetime as well

as a wartime strategy into which to

Some in the Ministry of De-

fence blame the Navy for this lack

of clear thinking. I personally don't, because defence should be; the servant of foreign policy. But can we just have some agreement

on whose job it is?

HUGH HANNING.

18 Montpelier Row,

Blackheath, SE3.

Yours etc.

It may be that only the North

Yours faithfully,

International

November 21.

BEN P. PAMPLIN,

Vice-President, London,

26 St James's Square, SW1.

Westinghouse Defense

From Mr Ben P. Pamplin Sir, The key point Sir Woodrow Wyatt missed in his article, "Why it must be Nimrod" (November 15), is that an airborne early warning (AEW) system should provide the earliest possible warning of attack. The E-3 Awacs (airborne warning and control system) flies higher, stays longer and looks further than any other airborne warning system. The resulting extra 10 minutes of warning is absolutely critical in air

The key to this capability is the aircraft's powerful and accurate Westinghouse radar, with its large antenna and ability to see targets clearly at very long range and to discriminate between targets and clutter.

Boeing's 707 airframe was chosen so the radar and operating system design need not be com-promised by airframe size and weight limitations unlike competing AEW systems. Continued performance improvements can be easily accommodated by the

Hercules for export sales is noted. But use of the Hercules airframe would entail very large further development costs and the prospect of viable export business on this basis must be very remote. By contrast, Boeing's 130 per

GEC's interest in the Lockheed

cent offset commitment to the British Government would be a contractual requirement to place high technology work throughout

Role of warships

From Mr Hugh Hanning
Sir, Today's excellent letters by
Lord Hill-Norton and Mr P. J. Freeman (November 18) stand well together. With luck, we could be on the brink of an overdue debate about not only the best kind of ships for the Royal Navy but also precisely what the Navy is for in the 1990s.

That debate surely belongs to the Foreign Office; but its defence department is too busy with arms sales and related matters to discuss strategy. These ambassadors expect a frigate over every bloody horizon", one head of the Ministry of Defence complained to me. He meant that they give the Armed Forces 10 minutes notice in a crisis instead of 10 years.

My own belief is that in an era of East-West miscalculation outside Europe, there is a global role for Royal Naval ships in dispelling that miscalculation wherever it may arise. The Endurance showed

From the Managing Director of the Central Electricity Generating

Sir, In the light of your report

Committee on Energy is to inquire

into allegations, made in The Times of November 6, about the

safety and costs of the Magnox

nuclear power stations, your read-

ers should know that work is now

well in hand on developing equip-

ment and procedures to remove

and replace the two standpipes affected by corrosion in Reactor No 1 at Hinkley Point A, should

that prove necessary.

In a statement published on June 13 last the Central Electricity

Generating Board said it had the

agreement of the Nuclear Installa-

tions Inspectorate to continue

operating the reactor, provided

the two standpipes were inspected

again before the end of the year.

Reactor safety

Board

November 18. That inspection is now in

progress. As regards Reactor No 2, an inspection of all the standpipes during its statutory two-yearly overhaul, completed in October, showed that only one had very slight distortion, not sufficient to affect its operation and probably not related to corrosion. Since this corrosion problem

affects only two standpipes out of some 450 at Hinkley Point A, and our other seven Magnox stations are unaffected, the real situation is a very far cry indeed from the alarming picture you portrayed in your lead story about a threatened shutdown of all the Magnox stations.

Yours faithfully, JOHN BAKER, Managing Director, Central Electricity Generating Board, Sudbury House, 15 Newgate Street, BC1. November 24.

Both services are being utilised

and there is obviously a place for

both such services in most large

cities, especially if there is any

Fight against Aids

From Dr R. P. Brettle Sir, The model counselling and screening service suggested by Mrs Kanabus (November 17) has been running in Edinburgh for the last 12 months. Whilst the majority of patients attending have been concerned with drug abuse, at least 20 per cent are not and have obviously chosen to attend such a clinic.

One of the original aims of this chinic was to divert individuals away from the blood transfusion service. Edinburgh also has a separate genito-urinary medicine clinic which provides a full range of services together with a counselling and screening clinic for the Aids virus.

From Mr R. J. M. Perring Sir, Mr Patrick Isherwood (November 17) has done us all a service in pointing out the risk that Bernard Levin's latest book (In These Times, by the way, not In These Days) may be subject to illicit photocopying. Surely the logical way to prevent Mr Levin and other owners of copyright from suffering the deprivations brought about by such piracy is to impose a levy on the sale of all

paper, to be paid over to the Society of Authors. While we are about it, should we not also have a levy on all tools and implements which might be used in housebreaking, to be paid to the insurance companies?

Yours etc, R. J. M. PERRING, 27 Park Drive, Inputestone Essex November 17.

From the General Secretary of the British Evangelical Council Sir, I have no doubt that the music industry is losing revenue by illegal copying of recording tapes as other correspondents have indicated in response to Mr Bernard Levin (November 10). No one, however, has drawn

attention to the extensive use of these cassettes by churches for recording Sunday services. They are then listened to at home or

the problem amongst drug abusers I would urge other centres to consider setting up similar clinies before the virus becomes a prob-

degree of a drug-abuse problem.

Whilst the urgency for establishing such a clinic in Edinburgh was lem in their drug abusers since this is an important educational measure for "at-risk" individuals. Yours faithfully, R. P. BRETTLE, City Counselling and Screening

City Hospital, Greenbank Drive, Edinburgh. November 18.

Records on tape

used as a teaching medium for the Christian faith in house groups. As presently envisaged churches would be required 10 pay the levy on blank tapes and then reclaim it on proof of innocent use. They will be lending their money to the levy agency until such time as they deem fit to return it, with any interest presumably going to the music industry. But if designated organisations like churches can be authorised to reclaim the levy, surely they can be authorised not to pay it in the first place.

Or perhaps the levy agency is planning to include preachers like me alongside Andrew Lloyd Webber and Madonna as those who will benefit from the money raised? Yours hopefully

ALAN F. GIBSON. General Secretary. British Evangelical Council, 113 Victoria Street. St Albans, Hertfordshire.

From Mr Jim McCue Sir. David Best (November 15) is right to complain of the quality of pre-recorded cassettes. Does the record industry object

to those who, having bought an LP for its quality, transfer the music to cassette for listening to in a car? Yours faithfully, JIM McCUE. 32 Holmewood Ridge,

Langton Green,

Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

History lesson to bear in mind

From Dr Martin S. Alexander Sir, I am interested in the new Institute of Contemporary British History mentioned in your leading article of November 3.

Initiatives intended to strengthen history's provision and status in school and university curricula, as well as providing a fresh forum for exchange of information or interpretation, widen access to the discipline and deepen understanding. Two additional remarks seem

necessary at this stage. First, I should wish to sound a cautionary note about excessive further specialisation in the recent history of this country in isolation. As it is, worrying evidence exists that school and university departments and syllabuses are already predominantly concerned with British history (even if this is far from exclusively contemporary British history).
Measures which serve only to

underline this existing emphasis. to the detriment of the study of the affairs of continental Europe and the wider world, would cause deep disquiet in much of the historical profession at a time when computerised communications, easier and faster travel, and the "shrinking globe" point to the value for us all to enhance our understanding and sympathy with histories, societies and cultures beyond these islands

Secondly, your leader asserted critically that the contemporary past (which you defined as stretching from the day before yesterday to 30 years ago), is "ill served by historians . . . and ill considered by history students". The pro-fessional and responsible historian must object that the great bulk of primary sources on this "twilight zone" is hidden from him by the curtain of the "30-year rule", inhibiting our access to the Government archives on which we shall depend in substantial measure for "objective and balanced" studies of the kind you exhort us

to produce. There is, to my certain knowledge, no shortage of scholars hard at work researching and writing on the 1950s. To this, I wager, the queues at the Public Record Office seeking Suez crisis papers next January will amply bear witness.

To hasten scholarly studies of times more recent still you should, I submit, direct your strictures not at the historians but at the office of the Lord Chancellor, ministerial custodian of policy towards 'public" records.

Yours faithfully, MARTIN S. ALEXANDER, University of Southampton, Department of History, Southampton. November 23.

Financing the NHS

From Dr M.J. Weston Sir, The politicians tell us that doctors and nurses control 63 per cent of NHS costs and that a 1 per cent reduction in this would give another £70 million per annum; on the other hand, the cupboards in the Guy's casualty department are empty of slings (reports, November 5). How much more blood does the Government think can be squeezed out of the NHS

The Mid Essex Health Authority is trying to find ways of financing centralization of its hospital services on one site at Broomfield, and a year ago I made a proposal to purchase the Chelmsford and Essex Hospital, giving the authority the extra funds that it needs and the chance for a proper sharing of buildings

and manpower.

A year later, still nothing has happened. Morale in the Chelmsford and Essex Hospital has fallen with the uncertainty about its future, and talented and trained nurses have drifted away.

Opportunties to inject capital into the NHS from outside must not be lost. There is nothing further to be squeezed out of the service as it now stands without further reduction in patient care. Yours faithfully, M. J. WESTON

Chelmsford & Essex Hospital, London Road, Chelmsford, Essex. November 5.

Diplomatic immunity

From Mr J. G. W. Thring Sir, Last night's BBC2 programme highlighting abuse of diplomatic immunity in London, CD - Beyond the Law demonstrates again, should that be necessary, the ineptitude of the Foreign Office.

To suggest that the community at large may have to suffer for the benefits bestowed by the principle of diplomatic immunity is possibly so, but to expect individual citizens to bear the brunt is grossly

A solution to the effects might be that the British Government be financially responsible for the results of the appalling behaviour of some foreign diplomats. Should a foreign diplomat or government not be prepared to surrender to the jurisdiction of the British courts, then they should be tried in absentia and if found guilty any damages awarded should paid by the British Government. This might make the Foreign Office wake up to the problem and take

action. It would be interesting to know if British diplomats violate their host governments' laws around the world.

Yours faithfully. J. G. W. THRING. Rossiva House. Dormansland, Surrey. November 15.



ON THIS DAY

NOVEMBER 25 1791

The marriage was between Frederick, Duke of York, the second of George III's nine sons, and Frederika, daughter of Frederick William II, King of Prussia (1744-1797).

DRAWING-ROOM.

As we predicted, the DRAW ING-ROOM yesterday at S1 James's was crowded with all the Nobility, elegance, beauty and fashion in town, and appeared not at all inferior to the most brillian assemblege we have ever witne

The cause certainly instiffed the magnificence of the scene. The marriage of one of the expectant heirs to the British Diadem, with the consent of the Court, and the universal approbation of the pub-lic, was something new in the present reign, and as their MAJ-ESTIES have every domestic rea-son to rejoice in the event, and the public consider the near relation-ship, by which the interests of this country are now connected with those of Prussia, a most happy circumstance, it is but natural to suppose that all parties would unite in paying their compliments of congratulation to the Sovereign and his family.

The Ladies, it being the RIGHTS OF WOMEN so to do,

decked themselves out on this bridal occasion, in all that could tend to captivate the surrounding circle, and gain the attention of their new made illustrious fellow

"By art of elegance and polished shew". Nor did this attention pass with envy, at a selection of female beauty not to be paralleled in any other Court of Europe . . .

THE DUCHESS OF YORK .. The Princess is below the middling stature; her complexioo delicate and pure clear; her person rather inclined to the en bon point but perhaps this is owing to her not wearing such tight stays as the English Ladies; her countenance though not regularly beautiful, is mimated and interesting, and she has good eyes. Her manners appear to be very amiable, and she shows a great share of good-nature in al

her actions.

Her Royal Highness's dress was extremely costly, and she was profusely ornamented with diamonds. The body and train were of white sattin, embroidered with silver spangles and trimmed with a silver fringe and deep point lace The petticoat was of white crape simply embroidered, with silver spengies and foil stones in 722rs and shells, and trimmed with a rich silver tasselled fringe round the bottom. Over the perticoat was a drapery embroidered the same as the petticoat. The dress was further ornamented with festoons of white settin roses and silver oak eaves.Lar e bouquets of whit roses and silver wheat-ears bung over the drapery, and were tied up

with silver cord and tassels.
On the whole, her Royal Highness's dress was more magnificent than tasty, for it appeared over-loaded with embroidery. The jewellery worn by her Royal Highness was extremely costly. It

consisted of a very superb necklace of pearls in large festoons, elegantly fastened together in three places with large brilliants of great value: her Royal Highness wore likewise a large houquet, composed wholly of diamonds, which we understand Mr. Jefferies, the jeweller, sold to the KING OF PRUSSIA . . LADY ASCILL
Was by far the most elegant when

best dressed Lady at Court; she ornamented with gold and . . velvet. Over the petticoat hung wreath of oak leaves and acurns and the bottom was trimmed with

a rich tassel fringe . . .
[We have only noticed those Ladies' dresses which appeared new to us, and made up for the occasion. There were but very few new suits of cloaths, though the Ladies were, in other respects, dressed in a very splendid manner, and went to Court in the full state of a Birth Day. Coquelicot, or coppy, was the colour most worn: the caps were of white and hlack velvet, in the shape of a helmet, and ornamented with feathers and coquelicot coloured flowers . . 1

Competitive sport

From the Headmaster of Quee Mary's Grammar School, Walsall Sir, Your leader, "A question of sport" (November 17), failed to mention that success in competitive teamgames is not possible without cooperation and unsclfishness. These are educational benefits which the anti-team sports lobby would do well to ponder. ours faithfully

K. G. HOWARD, Headmaster, Queen Mary's Grammar School, Sutton Road, Walsall, West Midlands.

Murky waters From Mr Val Sharman

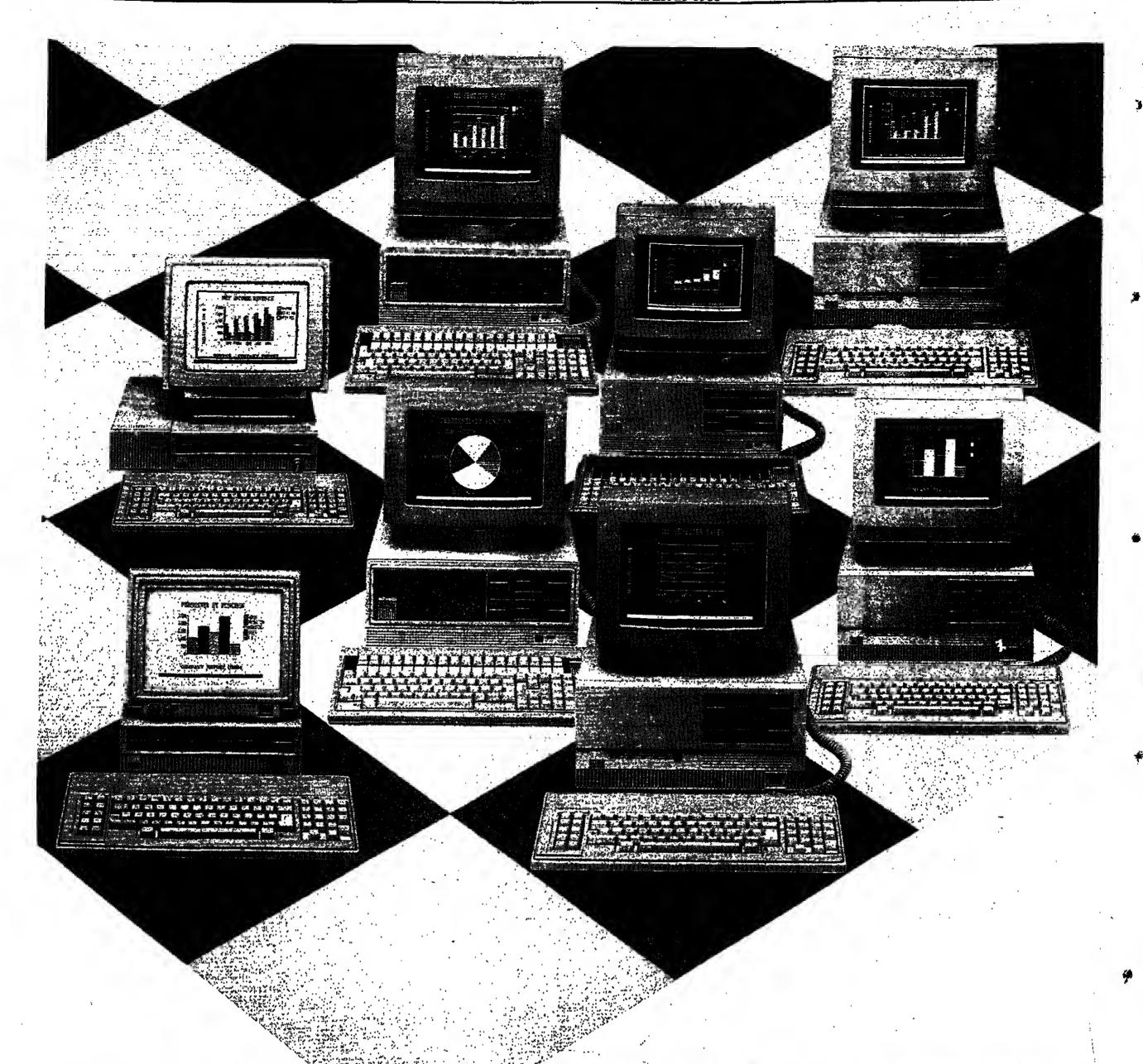
Sir, It would seem that England is more fortunate than Germany in the matter of river pollution (Dr J. J. Grant's letter, November 15).

In my junior geography class of yesteryear in Lincolnshire we were made to chant the following ditty: The Witham, the Welland, the Nene, Ouse and Glen Are five British rivers that flow

through the Feo. They are, we are told. As clean as can be, Since they go through the Wash Before reaching the sea.

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JAN GELIST

Desktop finally comes of age

This month could well be remembered as the one in which desktop publishing, or DTP as it has been dabbed by the industry, moved from the world of fad to an established sector of the computer

industry.

DTP is generally understood to be the business of getting people to produce entire business reports and newletters using 0 personal computer, special software and a high-resolution laser printer.

Big microcomputer hard-ware and software firms such as Apple, Apricot, Microsoft and Dataproducts have been recent weeks to make clear their commitment to this growing wiche market.

Numerous seminars and desktop publishing shows

have resulted.

The British firm Apricot is the most recent entry with its desktop publishing systems based around the Apricot Xeni PC. Apricot believes so heavily in the importance of DTP that it has established a new division devoted entirely to packaging and selling such

systems.

The PC desktop publishing solution will revolutionize document production in the same way spreadsheets revolu-tionized financial planning n few years ago," claims John Leftwich, director of the new

those from Apple and others starts at about £6,000 for a and hype that surrounded the setup that includes a Xen-i recent annual Compec trade

THE WEEK

By Geof Wheelwright

computer with laser compu printer and desktop publishing software.

Despite the excitement desktop publishing has gen-erated among manufacturers and software companies, it is nice it is to work for one of the not clear yet whether there is. country's oldest sports car the same degree of interest among the general computerbuying business community.

Some in the computer industry - notably those adopting a cautious approach to DTP - suggest that desktop publishing will be a very shorterm market, until companies traditionally involved in the word-processing software market get round to putting DTP-style features in their applications.

To some extent that has already happened, with Lotus, Microsoft and Micropro all announcing laser-printing and DTP-style support for all their word-processing packages.

But some, such ns Microsoft, are hedging their bets by supporting DTP as well as new high-powered word-processors.

Microsoft last week an-nounced a deal with Aldus UK to try to establish a desktop publishing standard for the IBM PC and lookalikes, such as the Amstrad PC1512.

The centrepiece of the agreement is to promote the ase of Microsoft's Windows picture-oriented operating sys-tem with the PC version of Aldus Pagemaker desktop

publishing software. "We estimate that over the next 12 months, no fewer than 20 different manufacturers turing processes of its latest line of luxury cars. will amiounce DTP systems, says Microsoft marketing aided manufacturing systems are used at Jaguar, along with statistical process control to monitor the production of

manager Fiona Kelly. Ironically, the biggest com-petition Microsoft will face is the Apple Macintosh im-plementation of Pagemaker which has, so far, virtually been a runaway success for both Apple and Aldus, helping to restore financial health to a once-troubled Apple and making n name for Aldus as the software leader in the DTP market.

Events

Micros in Design, Design Centre, Haymarket; London SW1, now until December 19 (01-839 8000)

People and Technology, Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, Westminster, London, today until Thursday (01-727 1929)

CIMAP - Factory automation, National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, December 1-5 (01-891 3425)

Interactive Video, Metropole Hotel, Brighton, December 9-11 (01-847 1847)

High Technology in Education, Barbican, London, January 21-24 (01-608

Videotex User Show, Barbican, London, January 28-30 (01-608 1161)

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A standard for professionals

TRAINING

By Eddie Coulter

A new initiative, aimed at providing a formal training and career development programme for computer services gramme for computer services staff, is being finalized by the Computing Services Industry Training Council, COSIT.

The move has been discussed with the British Computer Society, the Institution of Electrical Engineers and the Engineering Lectrons Twin

Engineering Industry's Training Board. Its aim is to provide a

qualification standard of pro-fessional status in information technology similar to that of a

chartered engineer.

A draft report outlining the scheme is being studied by a COSIT working party consisting of senior representatives of the computing services in-dustry. After refinement, the recommendations will be circulated to the 200-strong membership of COSIT with the aim of official adoption by early next year.

It could prove to be n

valuable standard for data processing as a whole, steered by the high quality software sector of computer services. Leading organizations are

Jaguar

sells its

jobs at

all the usual industry sales talk

fair at Olympia, writes Geof Wheelwright.

Amid the likes of Apricot Siemens and other traditional

computer industry players was a small stand for Jaguar Cars.

But unlike almost every

other display at the show

Jaguar was not trying to sell

anybody either computer

hardware or software. Instead it was peddling the idea of how

In a brochure distributed at

the exhibition, the company

made it quite clear just how

keen it is to find the right

people from the computer

industry to help run its new

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ing product designs are turned into cars for the customer,"

Jaguar even went so far as to

enclose information about a

selection of recent homes for sale in the Coventry area -

extolling the virtues of cheaper living outside

The fact that the company

has gone this far just to get computer staff points to the desperate demand for quali-

At Jaguar that demand will largely involve those in the

development and manufac-

Robotics-based computer

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Jaguar is obviously hoping

its glamorous image will help to attract the often young

breed of computer pro

grammer and systems expert that they need to remain competitive.

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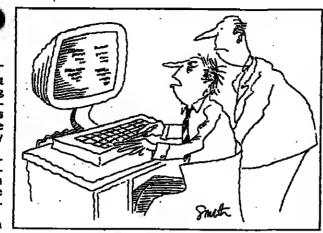
various components.

said the company.

London.

"The demand for manufac turing engineering, as a result

at Whitley in Coventry.



Tve fed it all my qualifications and CV and all it comes up with is an endless list of dole offices!"

represented through COSIT such as British Airways, Olivetti, CAP, the Corpora-tion of Lloyd's, Coopers & Lybrand, Digital Equipment, GEC, Logica, Plessey, STC, ThornEMI and the Trustee

Savings Bank. Adoption of a new formal business qualification providing letters after an individual's name has been sought for information technology staff for a number of years.

The nearest recognized qualifications that exist membership of the BCS or the IEE - do not reflect the

mainstream activities of many of today's computer services people, particularly in software development and the associated management skills needed.

"The computing services sector has recognized the need to stimulate immediate recruitment and establish career standards for staff," says Gordon Ewan, director of COSIT.

Computing services is one of the fastest growing sectors of the economy generating £1.5 billion in revenue in

90.000 people. The new training standard

proposes a combination of formal and informal training, coaching and related work

The scheme will be open to entrants of organizations which, in COSIT's opinion, provide the necessary environment to enable participants to receive the desired standard of training. No specific educational qualifications will be needed,

although the recommended programme is aimed to pro-vide a certified standard at the end of four years considered achievable by participants of graduate level ability.

Technically, everything from computer languages through communications and data bases to expert systems and structured methodology, will be covered. Progress will be monitored by COSIT with approved supervisors in com-panies and the maintenance of detailed working log books by

Already operating a pilot grant-aided training pro-gramme backed by the Man-power Services Commission, COSIT bopes that the new professional programme may

Wang the younger becomes top man

Wang Laboratories has announced that Frederick Wang, the 36-year-old son of its founder, had been named president of the US maker of computers and office automa-

tion equipment.

An Wang, 66, the company's chairman and chief executive, has been serving as president since last year after John Cunningham

Mr Cunningham was said to have left because he felt he had no chance to become chief executive since the younger Wang was widely viewed as his father's successor.

An Wang said he had no plans to retire and would

PEOPLE continue active participation

in the company as chairman and chief executive. His son has been with the company for 14 years, most recently serving as treasurer, a post he will retain, and executive vice-president.

Wang Laboratories has been under pressure in the



Frederick Wang: strategy and products in line

iness. During the last quarter it reported a £20 million loss.In the current quarter, Frederick Wang said: "We continue to see the quarter as a tight-demand marketplace, but it's a little to early for us to comment on results.

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He added: "The key thing right now is that we've got our strategy in line and our prod-ucts in line."

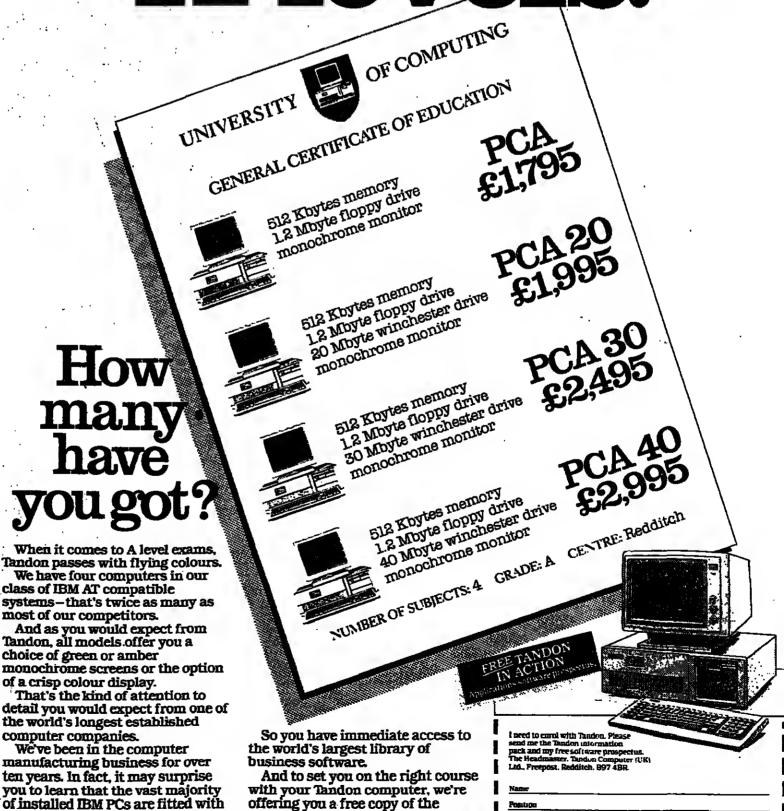
The younger Wang will take responsibility for all principal line functions, including \$5 billion company.

botly competitive computer world-wide marketing, sales, service and support operations as well as manufacturing, treasury and research and development, the com-

pany said. He is a graduate of Brown University and bas held a number of management positions with Wang since he joined in 1972. He has been a

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Britain is lost without MAP

British machine tool makers are in danger of losing out to American products because their equipment is not compatible with differing high-tech de-

vices, according to a report by the National Computing Centre and Amtec. The survey of 700 companies reveals a disturbing lack of knowledge of MAP (manufacturing automation protocol)

throughout industry.
In America, General Motors, faced with the difficulty and expense of developing interfaces to connect varying brands of factory devices, initiated a system called manufacturing automation protocol (MAP).

The system is gaining rapid acceptance in the US and the corporation makes it a condition of business that suppliers of parts adopt such technology for their

The specification is based on the concepts of the Open Systems Inter-connection (OSI) seven-layer model, the

STANDARDS

subject of communing development by International Standards Organization (ISO) committees.

These interfaces are widely available from such companies as Intel and Motorola. When fitted, they add rel-atively little to the cost of a machine tool costing, say, £500,000, while greatly increasing the product's export potential. According to the survey, many suppli-

ers say they are waiting until MAP becomes "a stable product". But the picture is not universally gloomy. Some of Britain's larger manu-facturing companies are already in A survey just completed by the National Computing Centre and Amtec of 700 companies has revealed a disturbing lack of knowledge of MAP (manufacturing automation protocol) throughout British

industry. Alastair Guild reports

volved in developing the MAP standard and many of the new technology companies are implementing it. They have developed products now appearing on US data bases of MAP products.

Nevertheless, the general MAP picture is just as worrying among users — those companies which are, or should be, using computer-based manufacturing techniques to remain internationally competitive.

Management responsibility tends to be split between manufacturing and data processing. MAP cuts across both. Individual departments should abandon the isolation attitude it has developed over the years, says the NCC.

"It is a luxury that industry can no longer afford," claims Dr Peter Scott of the NCC. He points to the demonstrable cost savings from integrating networks, both in the office and on the shop floor. MAP can be incorporated into existing networks using gateways, but this needs to be done within the framework of a corporate communications plan. Without this, he says, companies could end up buying equipment which turns out to be totally useless in a few years' time.

The survey report concludes that training in implementing ISO standards has become a national priority if today's students are to be able to help :ndustry use such standards in the future.

Another protocol, TOP (technical office protocol), is now coming on to the scene. Initiated by Boeing, it is two years' behind MAP in development but the US is trying to bring together TOP and

MAP has also become an important element of Esprit, the European-wide information initiative. Participants in the computer networks for manufac-turing applications project – including British Aerospace, Pengeot, GEC, Sie-mens, Nixdorf and the Fraunhofer Institute in West Germany - are developing a working manufacturing system, based on MAP, to be shown at the Hanover Fair next year.

They are also planning to build such a system into the British Aerospace plant at Preston.

More imminent is the CIMAP event being held next month (December 1-5) at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham. The conference and exhibition programme will for the first time, in the UK, emphasize the relevant vance and place of advanced technology in the manufacturing and office environment.

Participants will include GEC, ICL, British Aerospace, Tube Investments, Ferranti, British Telecom and the NCC. together with a number of UK subsidiaries of US companies such as IBM. DEC and Motorola.

Details: For more information on CIMAP contact Independent Exhibitions, 154 Heath Road, Twickenham, Middlesex TW1 4BN. Tel. 01-891 3426.

Drawing a blank on protection

By Frank Brown

Proponents of the proposed levy on blank music tapes were not the only ones disappointed with the omission of new copyright legislation from the Queen's Speech at the recent opening of Par-liament. The Federation Against Software Theft (FAST) was also dismayed, but for different reasons.

Even the Information Technology minister Geoffrey Pattie, the sponsorship minister for copyright, expressed his regret in a letter to the Confederation of Communications Industries (CICI) the industry-backed organiza-tion which liaises with the Government on copyright matters.

One of the 28 trade associations which belongs to CICI, FAST is opposed to the tape

PIRACY

levy, but strongly believes that proposed copyright legislation contains much of vital importance to the computer

property rights are crucial for the development and protection of UK high technology industries. Without effective copyright protection, UK jobs, investment and innova-

tion will suffer," he warned.

The proposed blank tape levy would not solve the problem of software piracy, Mr Tuckett contended, because home computer users would be unlikely to distin-guish between audio and computer tapes and would regard it as a licence to copy

programs.

Many of the measures necessary to provide copyright protection for software are embodied in the Copyright (Computer Software) Amendment Act 1985.

Fail-safe

features

keep the

ball rolling

By Richard Sarson

The ex-Burroughs side of Unisys, the newly merged Sperry-Burroughs company, has announced two fault-tol-

erant features on their A Series mainframes.

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in use. Thus, new terminals can be installed without clos-

The A Series is directed largely at financial markets.

and the last few weeks in the City of London have dem-

onstrated how important continuous ranning is to the

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Unisys has also and two low end models in the A



Roger Tuckett: warning on UK jobs

It prescribes unlimited fines ment for software piracy and counterfeiting, but requires further changes to make it more effective, says FAST. Further measures were pro-

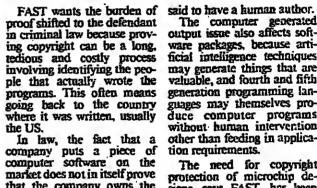
posed in a recent White Paper, and the federation would like to see five of them become law produced entirely by a comduring this Parliamentary ses- puter, for example, cannot be legislation it wants. sion. They are:

defendent in criminal cases. Customs' seizures extended to pirated software.

• The protection of computer generated output. • The protection microchip designs.

Rental is a major problem in the US, where user clubs and others rent copies of complicated programs at 10 or 20 per cent of the full price for

a day or so.
In Britain, rental is a prob-lem which affects computer games, but it could spread to business software, particularly if libraries start to offer software rental services. They have not done so as yet but only because they do not have the funds.



ple that actually wrote the programs. This often means going back to the country where it was written, usually In law, the fact that a company puts a piece of computer software on the

market does not in itself prove that the company owns the copyright, to prove copyright, it has to identify each of the individual programmers, and prove that they were company employees at the time. The copyright position of computer generated output

and up to two years' imprison- like documents, drawings, programs and other works produced by computer, needs clarifying because present copyright law gives protection only to human authors. A computer generated share

listing, or a crossword puzzle

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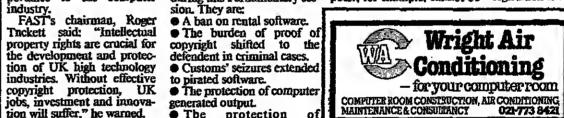
guages may themselves produce computer programs without human intervention other than feeding in application requirements. The need for copyright protection of microchip designs, says FAST, has been made necessary by the rapid development of technology. Hitherto they have been diffi-

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actual chips are so tiny and, being encased in plastic, are virtually impossible to get at. But now etching techniques are being used to overcome this difficulty

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m order to attract staff.

Though by no means applicable to the majority of jobs in the computer industry it is particularly true for one particular job title description advertised — that of the project manager.

Recent recruitment advertisements - m order to attract staff.

Recent recruitment advertisements for this elusive animal indicate just how much the master of data processing disguise a project manager must be.

Salaries indicated are from £12,000 to £35,000 per year or more. Even allowing for regional and size of

> JOBSCENE By Eddie Coulter

company-responsibility differences, why such a disparity for what seems to be the same type of job?

A glance at the requirements stated for such posts, reveals the answer. Take some hypothetical advertise-

team of young programmers develop-ing applications for 'X' computer in a progressive distribution company.
Three years of knowledge of X system programmings and analysis plus some supervisory experience needed.

Beware the job title. It is becoming increasingly known for some combut not essential. Salary £12,500 pa. 2. Project manager for sales and sounding titles - or prospects of titles marketing department of leading Y

> ance company responsible for definition, scheduling, budgeting and leading the development of informa-

tion systems requirements.

You will need to be a graduate who has had formal training in business disciplines and project management. A track record of team leadership and successful implementation of projects A good understanding of data "In our view, project management disciprocessing and information technolis very much a management discipline in its own right," explained pline in its own right," explained

skills and knowledge of the insurance tant with Price Waterhouse. "The business. Salary £35,000. ferent salaries and roles, yet all with the same title. Which is the project manager? The third ich is maken

Take some hypothetical advertisement typical of those appearing recently.

I. Project manager to lead a small information systems. The first job seems unlikely and may be better quires special skills to define the described as systems and programobjectives then complete projects on time and within budgets. Data ming team leader. Yet in a sense all three jobs require the management of projects. So is the

the work principles and people involved, the schedules of implementation, structure of resources around £15,000 (London rates). each activity level.

rally an understanding of information technology and the IT life cycle is needed. If the project is, say, in an IBM installation, then specific experi-Mike Cordingley, Director of Personnel Resources Hoskyns Craur ence of IBM main frames will be from project manager one moment to

Bearing in mind that project management is a discipline within itself it becomes a function of responsibility within a job or the job

systems manager or a technical grade a person is at. You can, for management experience. "Real project management re- your own project.

Real project management involves l1 appears therefore that the level of defining the objectives of a project, responsibility is what determines a and its effect on, and operation project manager's salary. Thus with within, the organisational structure of several years of DP experience and project management training you Each project outside then requires a detailed plan which must establish manager (or leader on a larger

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and facilities and also the costs of With four or five years project management experience you may be If the project itself is within the computer environment, then naturally an understanding of information Between £24,000 and (more likely in consultancy) £35,000 you could find yourself as project manager with up

being part of a project team the next and still earn a high salary.

Depending on the type of project work, DP experience is less important than the management discipline principle can be applied equally to data processing as to any other area. Computer requirement advertisements are often incorrect. What they usually mean is that they want a usually mean is that they want a project who will be a project of personnel resources at the project of personnel resources

example, be one person managing your own project.

"All ol our professional staff are "All of our professional staff are scheme operated for computer services" "All ol our professional staff are scheme operated for computer services given formal training in project companies through COSIT (Computer Services) time and within budgets. Data management and may well be project ing Services Industry Training Country processing people are more commanaging whether they are a techcerned with technical details than nical consultant, principal consultant tondon WCIB 4DP, Tel: 01-242 with driving projects through.

A cheaper way to spin a disc

A West German maker of compact discs said today it has developed a process which would slash the relatively high cost of making the records.

But demand for compact discs, which reproduce music and are increasingly being developed to store computer data, is outstripping supply so there is little chance that prices will fall soon.

Teldec Schallplatten said its new Direct Metal Mastering technique meant that compact discs could now be made at traditional cutting studios and record plants. It said it did away with a need for clean room conditions, like those in an operating theatre, needed until now.

Compact discs have in-volved investment in processing plant ten times higher than for conventional black vinyl records.

A compact disc stores sound or information as a digital signal which is then decoded by a laser beam in a compact disc player. The signal can give exact reproduction of the original recording and is not affected by scratches to the

Protest looms over chip prices

COMPUTER BRIEFING

Under pressure from US government officials, the Japanese government has ordered Japan'a semiconductor makers to raise sharply the price of chips they sell to Europe, Southaast Asia and South America. Already this week several of Japan's semiconductor manufacturers have raised their prices between 10 per cent and 50 per cent depending on the

The move seems likely to raise protests among users of chips, both in Europe and the US. European officials have complained that their countries should not be forced to pay higher prices for the components — simply to help US industry. The US, they argue, has attempted to enforce a worldwide price increase by insisting thet Japan not sell components at markat prices to third parties.

Electronic yellow pages

Its For years, computer manufacturers have been talking about the imminent arrival of CD-ROM, compact discs that can hold more than 540 million characters of data in "read-only" memory. Grolier Publishing has already put an encyclopeadia with 30,000 entries on one disc, but other consumer applications are rare. Now Sony has encoded the four-volume Tokyo yellow pages on to a single three and-a-half-inch disc. "Less than that, really," said Hideald Arithiro, manager of the company's CD-ROM sales division. "It really takes up about a quarter of the disc." Asked to provide a listing of sushi restaurants in the city, the CD-ROM took about a second to come up with 9,170. In most cities the search could be limited to a restaurant on a specific street.



Professor Donald Michie, left, is one of the gurus of artificial intelligence. He is iso co-founder of intelligent Terminals, a software house specializing in Al house specializing in Al software, which has produced Superexpert — an expert sytem for PCs and compatibles. At £700 it works by producing rules based on example decisions put into the system by an expert in a particular field which can then be used either to then be used either to duplicate the expert or as a backup device.

Shutting out terrorism

Computer installations are increasingly being seen as potential targets for terrorist attack judging by the sort of products available to protect them. Earlier this month three bombs exploded at IBM's Heidelberg research plant with more than £1 million worth of damage. Now the Berkhamstedbased Camor is importing a West German bullet-proof roller shutter that can stop machine gun bullets, screwdrivers, jemmies and hammers to prevent unauthorized access and, says the company, meets Germany's testing standards "for protection against fire from class M1 weapons without bullet penetration".

Crossing wires at Kodak

II A newly hired Eastman Kodak worker in the state of New Ill A newly hired Eastman Kodak worker in the state of New York has been accused of using a computer in his home to disable nearly 4,700 telephone lines feedling the company's largest manufacturing plant. Robert Versaggi, 30, pleaded innocent to a charge of second-degree computer tampering. Mr Versaggi allegedly used a computer at his home to gain access to the telecommunications system at the Kodak Park manufacturing complex and shut down the telephone access lines. The incident happened just nine days after a new state law designed to prosecute people who tamper with computer systems went into effect. Under the new statute, Mr Versaggi faces six months in fail if convicted. faces six months in jail if convicted.

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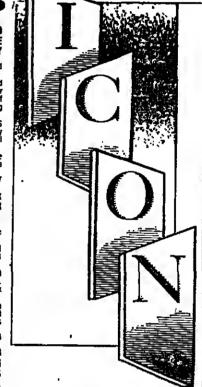
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The Met Office is a Ministry of Defence establishment, part of the Air Force Department – not because it does work for the Armed Forces — but for historic reasons. As the PAE arranged historic reasons. As the RAF expanded immediately prior to the Second World War, a higger meteorological service was

Bracknell is the headquarters, employing about 1,000 staff, with a further 1,500 scattered throughout the UK, as far afield as the Shetlands and Cornwall. Most people think of the Met Office in terms of weather forecasting, but it has two roles: forecasting and research - in meteorology, geophysics and into better methods of retrieving and interpreting

information. One example I was given was that of the much improved pictures now available on TV weather forecasts, due to

computer enhancement of pictures.

Weather — and the problems it can cause are international. It must be one of the few topics on which international cooperation is readily given and one area of research to which several countries contribute expertize and expense rather than duplicating effort.

To provide forecasts, accurate

observations at both ground and atmospheric levels are essential. Some are made by eye: others by the latest technology. The Met Office has varied

One of the few areas of true international cooperation

sources: automatic weather stations, manned land stations, four thunderstorms tracking centres and ocean weather ships.

The Merchant Navy, coastguard service, civil and military aircraft too, relay information to the Met Office. Then there are radiosondes (packages of instruments carried to a height of 20 or 30 kilometres hy balloon). All the data is sent to Bracknell for analysis and

That is in the UK. Cooperation is truly international. In the World Meteorological Organization, Washington, Melbourne and Moscow are the primary data centres. Bracknell and Washington are the primary forecasting centres.

Bracknell, as an "important regional huh on the main trunk circuit of the metereological system" is also responsible for coordinating data from several European countries and weather ships and for relaying information between the USA and other European "hubs."

Information is exchanged in a standard international code - and very quickly. An observation taken at Heathrow can be round the world in minutes. Costs are spread. Satellites polar orbiting or geostationary (at fixed points 36,000 kikometres above the equator) are paid for largely by the American and European space agencies. Weather, and the many problems it can cause,

are international. The climate is one of the

few areas where there is real cooperation between

nations. Beryl Dixon examines a career at the Meteorological Office

Our Met Office college has students from all over the world, and one Chinese meteorologist is on secondment at

Who is all this information for? A surprisingly wide range of customers use the UK Met Office. It is the state meteorological service and as such is responsible for providing a service to government departments.

The RAF has remained one of its leading users, as is the Army, although the Navy has its own meterologists, using Met Office-supplied information. It is fairly well known that the BBC weather men and women are Met Office

ITV companies in contrast employ their own forecasters, but many of the presenters seen daily on the screen have Met office backgrounds. Though the Met Office has remained part of the MoD, it has been under orders from a parliamentary committee to become more commercial

As a result it is no longer simply a spending department but recoups a proportion of its budget in fees. Tailormade services are provided for in-dustries for which long and short range weather forecasts are crucial: aviation, shipping, building, agriculture and gas and electricity.

You might not consider gas as a particularly weather sensitive industry until you think of the operation and safety of off shore platforms in the North Sea or the advance information needed to coordinate gas supplies in cold

Other clients include local anthorities who need to know when to grit roads, farmers whose entire livelihood is affected by weather, huilders with scheduling problems and the transport

The public, of course, has access to general forecasts through radio, TV, Press and now Teletext. The weather people, incidentally, are proud of their record. They know they are remembered for the occasions when they get it wrong, when it did rain on the day of the fete, but they claim an 85 per cent success rate in short-term forecasting, so good in fact

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that some American airlines use the British Met Office in preference to their

The Met Office has to be competitive. It doesn't have a monopoly. There are a few commercial competitors, particularly in providing forecasts for the offshore industries, and one recently started national newspaper buys its weather charts from another organization. In view of this, the Met Office now has a marketing department charged with expanding existing services and developing new ones.

What qualifications are needed to join the weather people? A good scientific background is the answer. I asked whether candidates tended to believe geography was the open sesame.

"Please," was the heartfelt reply,"do all you can to scotch that one. In our eyes geography is not very appropriate. If it is combined in a degree course with maths or physics, it may be acceptable, but not

Professional meteorologists are mem-bers of the Scientific Civil Service, and graduate entrants should therefore hold a degree in maths, physics or meteorology, (usually combined with maths or physics). Certain environmental science syllabuses which contain modules in hydrology and climatology may be acceptable. School leaver entrants need A levels in physics and maths. Graduates are recruited by the Civil

Graduates normally start working on research

Service Commission, normally in the

spring term. Thirty vacancies a year is the average but in summer 1987 the target will be 50. Some recruits will have first degrees; others may have taken MScs in meteorological or atmospheric

Whatever their discipline, they are unlikely to start in forecasting. That comes with experience. Graduates normally begin in research, usually quite happily, since the projects, currently including the effect of hills on airflow, sulphur concentration in rain and the development of numerical models of the atmosphere, to name but a few, are of considerable interest.

School leavers are normally recruited at a minimum age of 18: because of shift work and because if they have A levels they can commence studying for BTEC Higher Certificate in maths and physics or in maths, stats and computing. They are recruited direct by the Met Office, adverts appearing in the national press. The Met Office is strong on training and has its own college near Reading as well as links with several universities,

 Information, including a comprehen sive booklet, can be obtained from the Civil Service Commission, Science Di-vision, Alencon Link, Basingstoke RG21 IJBN, and the Meteorological Office, Room 615, London Road, Bracknell RG12 2SZ.

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Application forms and job descriptions available from the Personnel Section, Council Offices. Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilts BA14 ORD. Telephone: Trowbridge 63111 Ext 211. Closing date: 11 December 1986. 7-LA/32

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£11,952 - £12,894

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Deven and Compani Constability, Hiddensey. Devon EX2 7HD. Closing date for completed applications: 5th December 1986-46A

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Orfolk County

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PATIENT SERVICE Information/Advisory Officer

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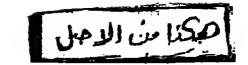
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Masters and pupils io Shepherd
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The Countess of Airlie, Mr Kenneth Scott. Mr Joho Parsons and Lieutenant-Commander Timothy Laurence, RN

The Duke of Edinburgh, Senior Fellow of the Fellowship of Engioeering, this evening attended the New Fellows' Dinner at Apothecaries' Hall, Black-

His Royal Highness was re-ceived by the President of the Fellowship (Sir Denis Rooke). Fellowship (Sir Denis Rooke).
Major Rowan Jackson, RM
was in attendance.
The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark
Phillips this afternoon visited

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Robert Helpmann will be held at St Pauls, Covent Garden, London, WC2, at 12.15
pm today.

Memorial services Harrow School

The Queen and the Duke of Edinhurgh visited Harrow School yesterday. After inspecting a guard of honour from the Combined Cadet Force and listening to the concert band, the Queen laid the foundation stone of the new craft, design and technology huilding. Tea was taken with masters, their ladies and pupils before they attended Churchill songs when the Queen addressed the boys.

The headmaster and Mrs Beer

IVIEINOTIAL SETVICES

Sir Godfrey Llewellyn
The Lord Lieutenant of South Glamorgan and the High Sheriff were present at a memorial service for Sir Godfrey Llewellyn held yesterday at the Church of St John the Baptist. Cardiff. The Rev J. Buttimore officiated, assisted by the Rev R. Davies. Sir Michael Llewellyn, son, and Mr Nicholas Hackett Pain read the lessons. Mr Nicholas Edwards, Socretary of State for Wales, gave an address and ddressed the boys. The headmaster and Mrs Beer

The headmaster and Mrs Beer for Wales, gave an address and the Right Rev Derrick Childs those present included the Dean pronounced the hiessing. of Windsor and Mrs Mann, Lady Soames and the other governors and their ladies, the Mayor and Mayoress of Harrow, Sir John Page, MP. and Lady Page and Mr Winston S. Churchill, MP. and Mrs Churchill

Birthdays

today Lord Devlin, 81; Mr Francis Durbridge, 74; Sir Cosmo Haskard, 70; Professor A. M. Honeyman, 79; Miss Daisy Hyams, 74; Mr Dickie Jeeps, 55; Mr Wilhelm Kempff, 91; Mr Imran Khan, 34; Sir Fermus Imran Khan, 34; Sir Fergus
Mootgomery, MP, 59; Mr Tony
Neary, 38; Lord Richardson of
Duntisbourne, 71; Major-Gencral Sir Peter St Clair-Ford, 81;
Mr R. Seifert, 76; Sir John
Summerson, 82; Lord Tweedsmuir, 75; Mr Bernard
Weatherill, MP, 66; Mr Peter
Wright, 60. Imran Khan,

Bobbin Ball

The Royal School of Needle-work Bobbin Ball will take place on Wednesday, December 17, 1986, at the Empire Suite, Tottenham Court Road, Tickets are available from the Chairman, 217 Kings Road, Loodon, SW3. Tel: 01-352 1940.

Marling and Evans Ltd, Cloth-Marling and Evans Ltd, Clothing Mill at Stonehouse where Her Royal Highness was received by the Vice Lord-Lieutenant for Gloucestershire (the Earl St Aldwyn) and the Managing Director of the company (Mr lain Clegg). Mrs Timothy Holderness Roddam was in attendance. **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr T.F. Bell and Miss E. Fitzalan Howard The marriage has been arranged between Timothy, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Bell, and Fliza, younger daughter of Lord and Lady Mark Fitzalan Howard. November 24: Queen Elizabeth
The Queen Mother, accompanied by The Duchess of York,
Princess Alexandra, the Hon

Mr J.A. Likierman and Mrs M. Thempson
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr A. Likierman, of Maidenhead, and the late Mrs O. Likierman, and Mrs. denshire of Mr and Mrs. Meira, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Gruenspan, of Haifa, Israel.

Mr T.W. Matthews and Miss H.C. Morgan The engagement is announced between Tim. son of Mr and Mrs B.R. Matthews, of Chichester, and Helen, daughter of Mr I.L. Morgan and Mrs J.J. Morgan. of Worcester.

Dr W.M. McCrae and Miss J.J. Graham The engagement is announced between W. Morrice McCrae, of Edinhurgh, and Jennifer J. Graham, of Aberdour, Fife.

November 24: The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron, this eve-Mr B.O. Rexburgh Mr B.O. Roxburgh
and Miss F.E. Fancourt
The engagement is announced
between Bruce, eldest soo of Dr
and Mrs LO. Roxburgh, of
Goldsithney, Penzance, Cornwall, and Fiona, only daughter
of Captaio and Mrs R. S.J.
Fancourt, of Wioehester,
Hamoshire. Glorester, as ration, this eve-oing attended the Annual Gen-eral Meeting of Cot Death Research and Support, The Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths at 15 Belgrave Square, London, SWI. Mrs Michael Wigley was in

Mr N. Sethia and Miss S.A. Webster The engagement is announced between Narendra, son of the late Mr B. Sethia and of Mrs J. Sethia, of Barbados, and Sally, daughter of Mr and Mrs B.N. Webster, of Cambridgeshire.

Mr M. Trafford and Miss S.J.L. Binns The engagement is announced between Martin, son of Mr and Mrs Harold Trafford, of Headington, Oxford, and Sheila, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Binos, of Holland Park.

Mr R.W. Wade-Smith and Miss K.M. Smith The engagement is announced between Richard William, eldest son of Mr A. Wade-Smith, of Newark, and Mrs M. Ablett, of Leighton Buzzard, Bedford-shire, and Katrias Margaret, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.B. Smith, of Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

University Church of Christ the King. Gordoo Square, yes-terday, Deaconess Linda Mary Evans, Chaplain of the School of Mr R.V. Williams and Miss N. Snook and Miss N. Snook
The engagement is announced
between Robert, eldest son of
Dr Roger Williams, of Kensington, and of Dr Lindsay Elliott, of
West Kingsdown, Kent, and
Nicola, daughter of Mr Patrick
Snook and the late Mrs Joan
Snook, of Salisbury, Wiltshire. Oriental and African Studies, Loudon University, officiated and Professor C.D. Cowan and Mr Nicholas Gerrard read the

Marriages

Ninety-two teams entered the British Bridge League's Annual Congress at Llangollen over the and Mrs W.G Densen on Saturday, November 8, 1986, hetween Mr Koightley Chetwood and Mrs Mary Chetwood and Mrs Mary Densem, widow of Guy Densem. A family reception was held afterwards.

mr D.G.B. Kindersley and Miss L.H. Lopes Cardozo The marriage took place in Camhridge, oo Mooday, November 17, of Mr David Kindersley, youngest son of the late Major and Mrs Guy Kindersley, and Miss Lida Lopes Cardozo, younger daughter of Professor Dr Paul Lopes Cardozo and Ottoline Barones van Hemert tot Dingshot. Continuing Education, in Cardozo and Ottoline Basuccession to Dr A.E.Sloman, van Hemert tot Dingsbot.

Sale room

breaks records

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

In an autumn of record anction prices, the enthusiasm spread to Indian art yesterday when an English private collector spent £145,200 (unpublished estimate £80,000-100,000) on an Indian hourse statement of the demonstrative endlessick. brouze statuette of the descring Siva Nataraja dating from the twelfth or thirteenth century. It

sets a new anction price record for Indian sculpture.

The image of the dancing Siva, his three arms carrying symbols of creation, maintenance and destruction while his fourth points the way of release, is one of the most famous in Indian art. He dances on the demon of ignorance and is enclosed in a ring of flames

enclosed in a ring of flames symbolizing the transcendental light of knowledge.

The bidding in the sale of Indian, Himalayan and South-East Asian art was highly selective with the best lots running beyond estimates and many others failing to sell. A seventh century bresze figure of a Bedkisatva failed to find a bayer and was bought in at a Bodhisatva failed to find a buyer and was bought in at £38,000 (estimate £60-80,000), while a klemer sandstone figure of the tenth century made £26,400 (estimate £8-10,000). The morning sale totalled £264,572 with 26 per cent left mostid.

Sotheby's glass sale made £267,860 with 8 per cent musold. The top prices were for continental glass with a beaker delicionally pajoted in Nuremburg in the late seven-

Among the English glass, a colour twist candlestick, now famous among collectors, underlined the post-war spiral in prices. In the Applewhalte-Ab-bot sale of 1952 it made £110, in the Smith sale of 1968 £1,350 mid in yesterday's sale it reached £13,750, going to an American collector.

A fine Beilby enamelled armorial wine glass did not make its price in the sale room and was hought in at £19,500 (estimate £20-30,000) but a buyer was found immediately after the sale at £22,000.

Sotheby's sale of Old Master paintings in Amsterdam yesterday morning ran into difficulties over shifting the cheaper lots and 39 per cent was left unsold, though a total of £727,232 was achieved.

The most expensive problem was an ornamental still life of fruit, flowers and silverware which Sotheby's had attributed to Jan Davidsz de Heem; at the last moment the de Heem expert had decided that it was by his son with the result that it was left unsold at 360,000 guilders.

The top price in the sale was 483,000 guilders (estimate 400-600,000 guilders) or £141,642 for a river landscape by Jacob Pariedad





Sir Immanuel Jakobovits (left) and Sir Edward Pickering.

University news

The City University will confer honorary degrees on the follow-ing on December 1: Sir David Rowe-Ham, the new Lord Mayor of London, who becomes Chancellor of the University (Doctor of Letters). Sir Edward Pickering, Executive Vice-Chairman of Times News-papers (Doctor of Letters). Mr A R N Ratcliff, Director and

Chief General Manager of the Eagle Star Company (Doctor of Eagle Star Company (Doctor of Letters).

Professor L B Archer, Head of Department of Design Re-search, Royal College of Art (Doctor of Science).

Sir Godfrey Messervy, Chair-man and Chief Executive of Lucas Industries (Doctor of Science).

Professor Abdus Salam, FRS, Professor Abdus Satam, FRS, Director of the International Centre for Theoretical Physics, Trieste (Doctor of Science). Sir Immanuel Jakobovits, Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregation of the British Commonwealth (Doctor of

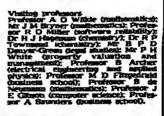
Appointments
Professor C D Harbury has been
appointed a Pro-Vice-Chancellor from October 1.

Dr K S Virdi has been appointed Head of the Department of Civil

Engineering.

Mr C P Mayer has been appointed to the Price Waterhouse Chair in Corporate Finance.

Personal chairs
Dr J R Chaplin (hydraulics); Dr
P E Osman (computer systems);
Dr R J Taffler (Dearden Farrow chair of accounting and finan-cial analysis); Dr F H Capie (monetary history); Mr G E Wood (economics).



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Engineers is pleased to an-nounce that the following have been admitted to the class of fellow:

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Royal Over-Seas League

The Nigerian High Commis-sioner and Mrs Dove-Edwin were the guests of honour at B dinner given by the Royal Over-Seas League last night at Over-Seas House, St James's, Mr Maneck Dalai, chairman, and members of the central council of the league, were the hosts.

Lecture

Carlton Club Lord Home of the Hirsel deliv-ered the Carlton lecture last oight at the Carlton Club. Mr Eric Koops, chairman of the club, presided and the guests included high commissioners and European ambassadors.

HM Government Mr Malcolm Riffsind, QC, Sco-retary of State for Scotland was host at dinner held at Edinhurgh Castle yesterday for television and radio executives.

Bakers' Company
The Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs attended a dinner given by
the Bakers' Company at the

OBITUARY

SIR GEOFFREY AGNEW

Successful leader of a family art firm

Sir Geoffrey Agnew, doyen of London an dealers, died on November 22. He was 78. Born on July 11, 1908, Geofficy William Gerald Agnew was educated at Eton, where he was later a temporary history master during the Second World War (being unfit for military service), and later still an honorary fellow. From Eton he went to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he graduated in 1930.

The following year he joined the family firm of Thos Agnew & Sons, fine art dealers, with which he remained actively associated - apart from the war years - for more than half a century. In 1937 he became a managing director, and from 1965 to 1982 he was chairman. He represented the fifth of six consecutive generations to have worked in the

When he took charge the firm was in a trough, mainly as a result of the world depression. Despite its good name, it was reduced to selling water-colours at about ten guineas each. Under his control the prosperity of Agnew's came, once again, to match its

Though not an outstanding scholar or connoisseur, he had a very good eye for pictures and great shrewdness in the business of dealing. Expert advice was always available to him, and be knew how to weigh it up. But he kept the firm essentially a family affair, and when he retired as chair-

Sir Roger Jackling, British Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany from 1968 to 1972, died on November 23, at the age of 73.

Roger William Jackling was born on May 10, 1913, and educated at Felsted School. After leaving school he took articles and was admitted solicitor. While representing his firm in New York he was, in 1939, co-opted by the British consulate-general to serve as acting vice-consul. In 1942 he went to Quito where, as commercial secretary, he did work for the Ministry of Economic Warfare.

In 1943 he became second secretary at the Washington embassy, again working on economic warfare. In 1946 he was permanently established and, after a secondment to the Cabinet Office and a stint as commercial counsellor at The Hague, had the first of his appointments to West Germa-

He was in Bonn from 1953 to 1957, and did much to stimulate commercial relations between Britain and Germany at a time when the latter was emerging from regu-lation by the Control Commission and embarking on the path of the "economic

man was succeeded by his kinsman by marriage, Mr Evelyn Joll.

Agnew gave assistance to the national art collections, either gratuitously or on favourable terms. The knighthood awarded to him in 1973 must have been partly in recognition of his public-spirited efforts behind the scenes. He also befriended the Courtauld Institute and, outside London, was particularly helpful to Eton College, the Fitzwilliam Museum at Cambridge, and the Whitworth Art Gallery at Manchester

University.

He had a sentimental interest in Manchester, because it was there that Agnew's had begun, originally selling scientific instruments. For the same reason he acquired an early barometer for the firm's Bond Street gallery, but this was unfortunately stolen.

history of the firm. Agnew's 1817-1967, to mark its 150th anniversary. It was clear that the masterpieces which, over the years, had passed through the firm's hands would, by themselves, have constituted one of the world's finest art

galleries. To a sequel, A Dealer's Record 1967 - 1981, he contributed a more personal essay, "The one that got away", describing how he failed to secure the Velazquez portrait of Juan de Pareja. Such failures were not common in his career, and it was all the more assporting of him, therefore, to tell the story against himself.

in addition to his work for galleries, he was for many years a vice-president of the Artists' General Benevolent Institution, president of the Fine Art Provident Institu-tion, and chairman of the Evelyn Nursing Home at Cambridge, which was named

Agnew was a fine figure of a man, of athletic build and with a confident voice and surging presence that seemed to command success. Yet for all his bluff exterior, he was a man of rare sensibility and instinctive taste, as he showed, for instance, in his hanging of the Dilettanti pictures at Brooks's Club.

He married, in 1934, the Hon Doreen Mand Jessel, who survives him with their two sons and daughter.

SIR ROGER JACKLING

commercial representative. and built up the consulates and consulates-general for promoting commercial activity in what was soon to be Britain's second largest export market. When the Bonn High Commission became the Brit-ish Embassy in 1955 he was made Minister (Economic)

In 1957, he was offered the post of Counsellor and Head of Chancery in Washington, an appointment which did not appear to reflect his seniority. However, his discharge of the first role in what was Britain's largest market for exports, and his performance as what is virtually chief of staff of Britain's most important embassy, greatly enhanced his prospects. Already an ac-knowledged expert on trade matters, he also gained valu-

ble political experience.
This stood him in good stead when, after a period in charge of economic affairs as an assistant under-secretary at the Foreign Office, he went to the United Nations in 1963, as Britain's depoty permanent representative. He was known for his forthright speeches and from 1965 had the personal

His appointment to the embassy in Bonn acknowl-Jackling combined the jobs edged his expertise in economof economic adviser to the ics and provided him with an High Commission with that of eventful few years. It was an economically far more powerful Germany than that to which he had been posted 15 years before. After the return of a Conservative government in 1970 negotiations for Britain's entry to the EEC were carried on with new ungency and it was the ambassador's task to ensure West German support for British entry.

He returned to this country on occasion to remind leaders of a sługgish British industry of the economic prizes to be won in the German market if and when Britain were a member of the EEC.

After Boon he was, from 1973 to 1975, leader of the UK delegation to the UN Conference on the Law of the Sea, a job in which his legal training was invaluable. But he retained his Interest in Germany as chairman of the board of trastees of the Anglo-German Foundation for the Study of Industrial Society.

Jackling was a man of immense enthusiasm for his work, and his mind produced a torrent of ideas. But he also encouraged his subordinates to have their say, and was the the most stimulating, of

He married, in 1938, Joan 1 Tustin. She and two sons survive him.

PROFESSOR ALEXANDER OSTROVSKI

changed early in his studies

Professor Alexander S. Ostrovski, gifted mathemati-cian, died in Switzerland on November 20. He was 93.

In 1918, at the age of 25, he wrote his now celebrated paper, Acta Mathematica. It was a landmark in valuation theory, one of the sharpest tools modern mathematics has developed for the local analysis of complicated structures, and its effectiveness in many mathematical disciplines may well be compared with the application of electron microscopy in the sciences.

Ostrovski was born at Kiev of works on different areas of on September 25, 1893. He mathematics, including algeof works on different areas of

After a short period of inspiring teaching and re-search at Hamburg University, he became professor at Basel in 1923 and taught there until his retirement in 1961. He wrote some 4,000 pages

theory of algebraic equations,

was published when he was 19

from engineering to mathematics, leaving Russia after in the 1940s are still widely the revolution and making a used to train mathematicians rapid career in the scientificaland other scientists. ly fruitful climate of the 1920s. His first work, on the Galois

interested in the development of effective constructive methods in numerical analysis, helping to pave the way for integrating calculus and computer science.

Ostrovski was a man of iron will, a resolve which was reflected when, at the age of 85, he broke his right arm but continued to write equations with his left hand.

them and applauded him for

In 1982 he drove away a car

with a suspect bomb inside it

from the Ballycoleman hous-

ing estate. During riots he was

often seen on the streets urging

Father Mulvey was a de-

lightful man with a disarming,

boyish smile. His churchman-

ship was conservative, and he

described himself as "rather

His funeral was attended by oveт 2,000 people, among

them a representative of the

Republic's Prime Minister, Dr

FitzGerald, as well as senior Church of Ireland leaders.

the rioters to stop.

an old fogey."

FATHER ANTHONY MULVEY

Father Anthony Mulvey, Roman Cathohe parish priest in Strabane, co Tyrone, whose condemnation of violence won him admiration from both sides of Northern Ireland's communal divide ic housing problems. died on November 11. He was

Anthony Vincent Mulvey was born on May 24, 1926, and educated at St Columb's College, Derry, St Patrick's College, Maynooth, and at the Irish College in Rome. After his ordination in 1950 he was appointed curate to St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, working in the predominantly nationalist Bogside district.

Mansion House yesterday. The Master, Mr John D. Copeman, presided, assisted by his Wardens, Mr R.B. Tiley, Mr F.J. Bentley and Mr J.E. Kirby. Lord Justice Lawton was the principal guest and the other speakers were the Lord Mayor and Mr Alderman Paul Newall. The other guests included the Bishop of Winchester, the President of Reunion des Gastronomes, the President of the National Association of Master Bakers and the Deacon of the Incorand the Deacon of the Incorporation of Bakers of Glasgow.

City of London Solicitors' Company Sir Max Williams, Master of the City of London Solicitors' Company, presided at a dinner held last night at Armoury House. Sir-Kenneth Bertill, Chairman of the Securities and Investments Board. Sir Edward Eveleigh and Board, Sir Edward Eveleigh and Mr K.S.G. Hinde, Junior Warden, also spoke. The guests

The Commanding Officer of the Honourable Arthery Company, the Presidents of the Honourable Arthery Company, the Presidents of the Honourable Societies. The Massiers of the Grocers. Curers' Badchers' Carenters' Constitute Mariners' Chartered Sarveyors' Charles and Actuaries and Administrators and Actuaries Companies and the Master of the Apothecaries' Society.

He was a founder member of the Derry Credit Union in 1960. He also founded the Derry Housing Association, a non-political group set up to solve some of the city's chron-In 1978 he became parish

priest of Melmount, Strabane, His opposition to violence regularly brought him into conflict with para-military organizations.

Io 1981, after he had criti-cized the IRA's hunger strike campaign, the walls of his church were daubed with in-

sulting slogans. His parishio-ners immediately removed

Fellowship of Engineering
The Duke of Edinburgh, Senior
Fellow, attended the dinner of
the Fellowship of Engineering
held last night at Apothecaries'
Hall London to welcome the Hall, London, to welcome the honorary fellows, foreign members and new fellows elected in 1986. Sir Denis Rooke presided and Professor P.A. McKeown replied to the toast to the new fellows.

Old Salopian Club A dinner to celebrate the centenary of the Old Salopian Club was held at the Institute of Directors, 116 Pall Mali, London, SWI, on Friday, November 21. The president of the club, Mr M.L. Charlesworth,

was in the chair and the guests of honour were Lord and Lady. Home of the Hirsel Lord Home proposed the toast of "The Schools" to which the Head-master of Shrewsbury School, Mr S.J.B. Langdale, replied. Anglo-Belgian Society

The Anglo-Belgian Society held their annual dinner, to celebrate Belgian Dynasty Day, at the Anglo-Belgian Cluh yesterday. Viscount Hood was in the chair and Viscount Tonypandy also

Institute of Cost and Management Accountants
The President of the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants, Mr Peter Lawrence, was host at a dinner held last night at Merchant Taylors' Hall, by permission of the Master and Wardens, given in honour of Lord Cockfield, Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities, who earlier in the evening had delivered the first Anthony Howitt Lecture on the subject of "The changing face of Europe - Britain" opportunity to 'rouse and bestir' Among the guests were:
Lady Cockrietd, Lord and Lady Lane.
Mr and Mrs A W Howire. Sir Michael
and Lady Colman, Sir Jehn and Lady
Hoskyns, Mr and Mrs I C R Byati, Mr
C W Dosovan, Mr and Mrs Basil de
Ferrand, Mr R Eishick, Mr and Mrs P
G Feorfield, Mr J K Mather, Professor
and Mrs P O Neore and Mr and Mrs
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Service dinner

14th/20th King's Hassars
The anoual officers dinner of
the 14th/20th King's Hussars
was held last night at the
Cavalry and Guards Clab. Major-General Sir Michael Palmer.

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Pembery Hospital, Tumbridge Wells
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Georgina Clere. A sister for
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HIGHAM - On November E3rd. to Sue and David, another daughter (Teresa Frances).
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I SORINAM On November 22nd, to Martin Son Ben Daniel.

I SINGETT On November 10th 1986, to Sheems and Peter. a son. Douglas Edmand. a brother for Duncan.

LOTERLINAM On November 6th, to Stein and Federico, a son. Marc Christian.

MANA On November 22nd, at the Portism Hospital. Wit to Gilliam (néw Reed) and Michael. a son. Marc Alexander Edward.

MISTALL On November 19, to Moty and Humphray. a son. Haldane Michael Ryan.

PRESTOM On November 20th, to Jane and Miles, of Stackheath. London SES, a daughter. Georgina Clare. a sister for Caroline.

ROOMET On November 21st, to Norfolk to Fenella inde Kenderdine) and Patrick. a son. Joskua, brother to James and Rosansa.

ST.DOM On November 23rd, to Vanesso (née Paimer) and Robert. a daugher. Melisea, a sister for Caroline.

TRUEBAM On November 23rd, to Vanesso (née Paimer) and Robert. a son. Chartes Otiver. a brother to Mathiew.

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WERE-WILSON - On November 22nd 1986, to Sarah and Carte. a daughter Henrietha Anne.
WETHERED - On November 18th, in New York, to Christine (nie Philips) and Simon. a son, Hugh Francis Allen. XENAKIS On November 11th 1986. to Elizabeth (nee Browning) and Michael 4 son. Dimitris Edwin.

DEATHS

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ATMBSON On November 24th,
Eisteen Ann Curnow, aged 55. Dear
wife, mother and friend. Private cremation, No flowers. Donations please
to The Hospice, St Barrasbus Home,
Warthiste.

to The Hospice, St Barnebus Home, Worthsto.

BOWENS - On November 21st 1986, peacefully at home, Gay (nee Cropper) adored wife of Richard and mother of Rebecca, Gales, Soohia and Elzabeth and grandmother of Hugh. Mark and Louisa. Funeral private, No flowers, please. A Service of Thankogiving for her life will take place at St James' Church, Clapham, Yorkshire on Friday Sth Documber at 4pm, at which all who knew her will he welcome.

BRITTAMI - On 21st November 1986, peacefully white asseep at home, John, much loved husband of Kate and father of Michael and Andrew, Funeral Service at Tumbridge Wells. Crematorium on Friday 28th at 12 noon. Family, Bowers if desired, Donations to the Kent and Sussex Scanner Appeal. C/O Ord - Hume. Funeral Service, 33A Quarry Hill Road, Tonbridge, TNS 2RS. Tel: 0732 385746.

BULLOCK On Sunday November

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BULLOCK On Sunday November 23rd 1986. peacefully at home. Sedge End. Lyraington, Captain Philip Criticiel O.B.E., Indian Cavairy, aged 86, beloved husband of Nicky, father of Peter and grandfather of Richard and Geoffrey. Funeral to be held at \$1 John the Babtist, Boldre, at 12 noon on Salurday November 29th, Family Bowers only.

GLARKE On November 22nd, peacefully at home, fortilled by the rites of the Church, Major General Desmond.

fully at home, fortified by the rites of the Church, Major General Desmond Alexander Bruce (Bunny), beloved husband of Madeleine, faither of Desmond, Anthinette, Dominic, Amide and Dominan and dear grandfather to his 11 granchidren. Requiem Maes November 26th at St Cultibert's, Wigton at 10,50 p.m. followed by burial at Caldbeck.

de SAUSHAREZ. On Saturday November 22nd, Cecil Havilland de Sausmarez, at Sausmarez Massor Guernsey, in his 50th year. Funeral Thursday November 27th at 2 pm. at St Martin's Guernsey.

ELLENBOROUGH On November 27th at 2 pm. at St Martin's Guernsey.

Ellenborough On November 2 a long libers, Rachel, much loved wife of Richard, dearly loved mother of Ruperl, Edmund and Charles and loving grandmother. Funeral Service to be held at Codders Green Crematorium (West Chapel) on Friday 28th November at 2 pm. Family Dowers only.

FRENCH On 21st November 1986.

FRENCH On 21st November 1986, peacefully Frank John French. O.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C.. Wing Cindr. R.A.F. (Ri'v). Dearly beloved husband of Vera, loving father of Valerie and son in law David and very dear Bandad of John. Anthony and Robert. Funeral Service at St. John's Church, Felbestowe on Thursday 27th November at 11 am followed by cremations to R.A.F. Benevolent Fund. No letters please.

GATENSY - On November 18th, suddenly but peacefully at home at the end of a happy day. Dura rule Brock) in her 72od year, betweet wife of Dick, mother of Michael and David. Puteral Service at Beckenham Crematorium, Elmers End., on Tuesday 2nd December at 2.20 pm. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Cancer Research Campaign. 25 Rectory Road, Beckenham BRS 14th.

GODOWN - On November 22nd, peacefully at home, a Latham Road. Seisey, after a long illness bravely home. Jamet Audrey (ner Sewell), beloved wife of Geoffrey, devoked and generous mother of Lorna, Nigel and Frances and broad grandmother. Fortuerly of Derking, Epsom and Headley. Funeral Service and Requient Mass at St. Peter's, Seisey, men Chichester on Monday December 1st. at 2 p.m., followed by private cremation. No Gowers please, but donations if desired to St. Wifrid's Hospice. Appeal, Broyle Road. Chichester.

Chichester,

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fight against cancer From Tony Samstag, Oslo Norwegian doctors are ex- from the patients who later cited about preliminary re- developed cancer has quite a

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suits of a cancer research different structure", Mr-project involving samples of Thoreson added. The prob-blood which have been frozen lem is that we do not know for 10 years. Blood from 100,000 apparently healthy people was put preventative treatment. into cold store during the

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Janus project, was devised by Professor Olav Torgersen, of the National Hospital in Oslo, nary results were known.

Four hospitals have cootributed to the study, which the National Society against Cancer says is the first of its kind in the world. "We found significant changes in the blood taken 10 years before the cancer broke out", Dr Thoreson said. "On average it looks like the changes develop five to six years before cancer could cormally be diagnosed. The study team

precisely why". It was possible that the findings would allow The preliminary findings,

which are to be published next year in the Norwegian Medi-cal Association journal, are confined to cases of thyroid cancer, of which 50 developed out of 3,000 cancers in the group. .

Dr Froeydis Langmark, head of the cancer register, says that the patients who subsequently developed thy-roid cancer were found to have had higher levels of thyroid gobulin in their early samples of blood. In retrospect, at least, that was not totally surprising. It was to be expected that pathology presaging the development of ao endocrine tumour might generate changes in hormonal secretions.

The challenge for the finture was to extend the findings to the more common, and less easily treatable, cancers of the breast, intestine and colon.

Norway, she added, was interesting not only in the scale and expertise of its cancer register but also in population patterns of thyroid cancer. That form of tumour was far more commoo in the north of the country than in suspects that there may be a rather than inland, and three Church in Wales dietary link. the south east, along the coast to four times more common discussion and capety-fin. to be vicar generally in women.

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who died before the prelimi-The researchers who carried out the project, Dr Steinar Thoreson and Dr Eystein Glattre, of the National Cancer Register io Oslo, hope that their findings might point the way to an early warning system that could save mil-

It turns out that the blood generally in women. The state of the s

Cleaners employed in some pitals are now voting to work for private contractors to gain redundancy payments.

in some cases. NHS staff are choosing not to submit in-house tenders because they can get substantial redundancy payments if the cleaning contracts are awarded to private firms. Most are then employed by those firms oo their old NHS pay rates.

The cleaners are getting redundancy deals equal to two weeks' pay for every year of

Health service unions, which traditionally had been adamant in their opposition to contracting out work, are now telliog their members they will get a better deal with private

firms.
Staff at Clatterbridge Hospital in Wirral. Merseyside, receotly decided not to submit a tender for the £800,000cleaning contract at the hos-pital because it would have meant a 25 per cent drop in their take-home pay, resulting from the hospital dropping its bonus scheme in order to become more competitive.

The tender, which is being awarded later this week, will now be decided between three private companies - Medi-Exclusive aod clean, Mediguard.

Mr Lew Swift, the Wirral health authority head of personnel and administration, said because of the NHS ban on bonus payments, the hospital's equivalent of 127 full-time staff would have had to take a 25 per cent cut in salary if the NHS had won the

contract.

Mr John Davis, Nupe braoch secretary, said that under the contract arrangements staff who had been employed for more than 10 years and were aged between 41 and 49 could get up to £3,600 as a lump sum redundancy payment.

The three firms bidding for the contract have all agreed informally that most staff wantiog jobs with the firms will get them, although exact staffing levels have not been

Mr Davis said that at the neighbouring Arrowe Park Hospital where the cleaning contract was awarded in-house, staff suffered a 25 per cent cut in wages with no Saturday or Sunday pay-





Mr Martin Staniforth checking the growth of the Cafe marron bush yesterday (Photograph: Stuart Nicol).

Whitehall ready to force card

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that he had to "register some dismay that the League had not gooe further down the road to 100 per cent membership schemes".

The results of the membership-only experiment by Lutoo Town will be treated as a test case to see if it deters hooligans and attracts spectators. Luton was not allowed to operate its membership scheme in the League's Littlewoods Cup knockout compe-

Mr Michael Fallon, the Conservative MP for Darlington, said it was rubbish for the League to argue that compulsory membership would deter spectators. Attendances slumped at Darlington after the riot early this mooth when hooligans armed with knives

By Kenneth Gosling The Cafe marron bush, said to be the world's rarest tree, is struggling for survival in spe-cially-controlled atmospheric conditions at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, west

The plant, from the Mauritian island of Rodriguez in the Indian Ocean, is the subject of an international rescue attempt in which the Swiss-based International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources asked Kew to accept cuttings of the plant, which had been thought to be extinct, and was last seen in 1940.

The Mauritian Government has also joined in the efforts to save the plant. Until last year, when the shrub was fenced off ou Rodriguez, animals had browsed on it and it was under attack from insects.

Mr Hans Fliegner, assistant curator in charge of the temperate department at Kew, said that only one cutting had been propagated from pieces flown back from Mauritias in March. "We used a proprietary rooting compound and so far

tron, the British Lung Founda-

tion, attends 6 gala concert, Merchani Taylors Hall, 7.45.

Princess Anne, President, the

British Olympic Association, attends a lunch, 1 Wandsworth Plain, SW18, 12.30; and later

attends a ball organized by St Loye's College for the Disabled, Hurlingham Club, 8.10.

the plant has a dezen leaves and is 4in to 5in high", he said The plant, a member of the coffee family, is almost a complete mystery to the bota-nists at Kew. "It might grow into a small tree, perhaps resembling the croton, we don't know yet", Mr Fliegner

So rare is the Cafe marron that putting a gnard on it was considered when a conserva-tion officer from Mauritins first discovered its plight.

A worry for the experts at Kew is that while the tiny plant is being kept under what they coasider the most appropriate conditions, beneath a sheet of polythene, and treated with an intermittent mist spray, they are not sure how much light it needs.

"I like to be an optimist, but while you can simulate natural conditions, it can never really ones", Mr Fliegner said.

If it can get through the winter, there is a good chance that Ramosmania heterophylla will survive and may eventaally be returned to its orig-inal habitat.

Sangster's trainer is sacked

Continued from page 1 tion to detail -in the Directory of Turf his hobby is listed "work" - and this had proved very successful during his spell as a National Hunt

The challenge of the switch to flat racing excited him. "It was saddling the first five at the Gold Cup that started it. After all, I could not start thinking about having the first six. But when I was first approached, I doubted my ability to do it on the flat Mr Dickinson has admitted to being obsessed by his profession. I am a very boring man. I have got no

hobbies and I think holidays are a complete waste of time. But I am a happy man, and that at the end of the day, that s what life is all about." Until today that is. Romance went wrong, page 56 | agricultural over-production.

Frank Johnson at the Commons

Curling up with a point of order

House vesterday brought another episode of what has become the cult series of spy points of order written by Mr Dale Campbell-Savours, the Labour member for

Some of us are addicts of

both Mr Campbeil-Savours and Mr Le Carré. In seeking

to equal Mr Campbell-Savours as a raiser of points

of order, Mr Le Carré is somewhat handicapped by not being an MP. Otherwise,

there is little to choose in

technique between the two

The action moves faster

than in Le Carré, and is more complicated. In Campbell-Savours Country nothing is as it seems. Political

correspondents have hurried

cooversations with the Mem-

ber for Workington at dusk in

gloomy, endless mock-

Gothic corridors. In the dis-

tance can be heard the rumble

of London traffic in unceas-ing procession around West-

In Sydney, a senior British

civil servant suddenly tells a

courtroom that the British

secret service does not exist. Back in Whitehall, the British

spies and spy-catchers are immediately worried. In that

Unlike Mr Le Carré in his

works, Mr Campbell-Savours

is a character in his own

stories - always the cool,

meticulously-questioning Englishman. During his points of order, be is always confronted by a man called Weatherill who has a wig. Is

that a cover? Certainly. For

this Weatherill is the head of

Westminster Centre. He has

powers of life and death over

all points of order. He is

always referred to solely as

And some of the characters

whom Mr Campbell-Savours has created have entered the

English language: Sir Robert Armstrong, Sir Michael Ha-

Mr Speaker.

minster Square.

He served warning that the CAP, like tin and oil, was heading for an explosion in Workington. The unique, disturbing world created by Mr Campwhich British agriculture bell-Savours is matched only could be devastated "because by that of his rival and only any emergency plan would discriminate against Britain because of its historically high equal, Mr John Le Carré. Each has his passionate followers. Mr Kinnock is said to like nothing better than to curi up at night with a Campbell-Savours point of order, apart of course from With Britain now due to curling up at night with Mrs

Kinnock.

authors.

make a record net contrib-ution of £1,090 million to EEC coffers this year, a number of backbenchers were lining up last night to use the opportu-nity of a Government debate to criticize the EEC's planned budget for next year which is set at almost £25 billion. Two-thirds of the money will be taken by the Common Agri-cultural Policy to support food

Tories hit

at plan

to cut food

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farming was to repatriate agricultural policy to member

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Although a move by Sir Edward du Cann, MP for Taumton and president of the European Reform Group, to halt further consideration of the EEC budget fell foul of parliamentary procedure and thereby denied several Tories the chance of rebelling against the Government, some Conservative backbenchers were planning to abstain at the end of last night's debate.

What has particularly infuriated Conservative critics of the EEC is that promises of stricter budgetary discipline and tighter control of the CAP gained at the Fontainbleau summit by Mrs Thatcher in return for allowing spending to increase gradually over a number of years, have been ignored. In the meantime, spending has rocketed and next year's EEC budget will almost certainly exceed official limits.

Sir Edward said last night: "The European Community is on the verge of bankruptcy and its financial management is a scandal. It amazes even the most ardent supporters of the Community. My colleages and I are determined on

● BRUSSELS:Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, last night reaffirmed the Government's determination to take the CAP by thehorns (Andrew McEwen writes). After a meeting of the I2 foreign ministers here he said that the British Government was committed to achieving agreement to curb

vers. Peter Wright, Sir Roger Hollis, Chapman Pincher, and a writer called Nigel West who is really a prospective Tory candidate called Rupert

Bert Mr. Campbell-Savours knows that by now even we addicts might be getting a little bored by them. We feel that we know them a little too well. So yesterday he introduced a completely new character: Jim Coe.

Yesterday's point of order consisted of the author and hero demanding an emergency debate about this Jin Coe, a press officer at No 10. having affegredly suggested to a meeting of Westminster lobby journalists that because he kept on asking in the House about the Wright case in Australia, Mr Kinnock was unsuited to he Prime

Also, according to Mi Campbell-Savours, this Jim Coe had made out that Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General, was to blame for things going wrong with the Government's court action in Sydney; not the Prime

Mr Campbell-Savours said a civil servant had therefore been used to "scatter the seeds of division between the Prime Minister and the Attorney General". But the Attorney General had been instructed and guided by her in all his action

The Prime Minister has "used the scalpel remorselessly to incise the reputation of a parliamentary friend and colleague of 25 years", he said in a characteristically florid passage, as well as an uncase, they ask one another, what happens to our pensions? Before long, Mr Campbell-Savours is rising again m the House with a new point of characteristic burst of concern for Sir Michael Havers. A "courageous decision was needed by the Speaker, he concluded, to allow the

emergency debate and assert the authority of Parliament. The Speaker failed to come up to the standard required of Cambell-Savours heroes. He refused the debate. Other Labour members rose to demand that the Speaker do something about No 10 press officers who do what Jim Coe

allegedly did. I am not responsible for Mr Crow," the Speaker re-plied. Coe, actually. But perhaps the Speaker is one of the old-style authority figures in vigs who make a point of getting wrong the names of people known to the masses, as in: who is Dale Sample Flavours? A famous thriller writer, m'lud. Much obliged.

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11 One lessoo worried Elsa (7).

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14 Oriental girl is carried shoulder-high (9).

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ss (7-5). 8 Ham's finished performance later he attends a reception for the Friends of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, Buckingham Palace, 6; as Patron, the Loodon Federatioo of Boys' Clubs, he then attends a fund raising dinner, Claridge's hotel, 7.30. Queen Elizabeth the Queen

Mother opens the Royal Vet-erinary College Small Animal Referral Hospital, Hawkshead,

in 10wn (9).

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serves this acclamation (5).

Princess Alice, Duchess of Ginucester, as Patron, attends the general meeting of the East Africa Women's League, Holy Trinity Church House, Bromptoo Road, 2.50.
The Duke of Gloucester The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17.212 opens the Curver Consumer Products Factury, Corby, Northamptonshire, 12.30; and Northamptonshire, 12.30; and later, as Colonel-in-Chief, Rnyal

> tonshire, 7.15.
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> The Duchess of Gloucester opens the World Travel Exhibition, Olympia, W14, 11.15.
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> The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, opens the tenth Interphex exhibition and conference, Brighton, 10.15; and visits Singer Link-Miles, Lancing, West Sussex, 12.30; later, as President, the Britain-Australia Bicentennial Committee, attends a reception, the Mansion House, 6.25; and then, as pa-tron, attends a concert given by the London Philharmnnic Or-chestra, Festival Hall, 7.20.

Pioneer Corps, attends a dinner, Simpson Barracks, Northamp-

Prince Michael of Kent un-veils a plaque at Laing Homes, East Quay, Wapping, 12 noon. Exhibitions in progress The Etchings of Sir Alfred The Etchings of Sir Alfred East; Museum and Art Gallery, Priestgate, Peterborough; Tues to Sai 12 to 5 (ends Jan 3).

Paintings, sketches and etchings by Alexander Charles-Jones, Charlie-Mackesy and Harold Sayer, Niccol Centre, Brewery Cnurt, Cirencester; Mon to Fri 9.30 to 4.30, Sai 10 to 12 30 (ends Dec 31).

5 The Gunners' magazine (7). 6 "Like this insubstantial faded. Leave not a rack behind (Tempest) (7).

Rumblings abdominal making sheepdog unsteady, we to 12.30 (ends Dec 31). Music

Concert by the Brodsky String Quartet: New County Hall, Treyew Rd, Trase, 7.30. 10 Nag (Kipling's) cootrol-lable by this piper? (5-7). Organ recital by Andrew Evans; Bangor Cathedral, 1.15
Cardiff Festival of Music:
Organ recital by John Fussell; St David's Hall, 1.05; Concert by 15 Creature going crazy in 17 Carriage cuts Tom Pearse's mount in half - gruesome

versity Ensemble; Reardon Smith Lecture Theatre, 7.30. 18 Ending of either kind of Talks, lectures 19 Banquo's boy, to run away Edinburgh and the Romans, can change into this (7). by Gordoo Maxwell; The Old Edinhurgh Cluh, William Robertson Building (Room 8). 20 Events which could provide a target for yachtsmen? (7).

> Crisis in the Welfare State, by Prof Peter Kaim-Caudie; Sir James Knon Hall, Trevelyan College, Durham, 8. Lady Rothnie: Ambassadress at Large: Victoria Hall, Grange-over-Sands, Cumhria, 7.15.

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Parliament today

Commens (2.30): Coal Industry Bill, second reading.

Lords (2.30): Pilotage Bill, second reading. Debate on British art market

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Hi-do-hi 12,65m
Brush Strokes 12,60m
Howards Way 12,15m
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Just Good Friends 11,00m

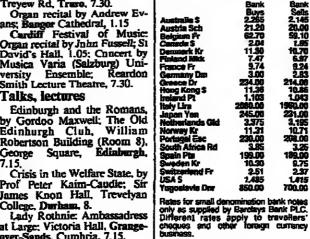
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Just Another Day 7.50m
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7.15m
Night Moves 8.40m
California Dolls 5.95m
Star Trek 4,50m
No Limits (Fri/Sum) 4.15m
Nurses 4.05m
Food and Drink 3.70m
Gardeners' World 3.60m

Channel 4
Brookside (Mon/Sai) 6.40m
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Retail Price Index: 366.4 London: The FT Index closed up 8.4 at 1282.6.

Tower Bridge

Tower Bridge will be raised 10day at 10.45 sm.

The Midlands: M1: Contraflow cleared but lane restriction near junction 28 (A38 Mans field). M54: Lane closures du to carriageway repairs between junctions 2 and 7. A456: Long delays due to bypass construc-tion between Bewdley and

Wales and West: M4: Contraflow between junctions 16 (Swindon) and 17 (Chippenham). M5: Contraflow near junction 14 (Thornbury) with northbound entry slip road closed. A5: Resurfacing at Tan y Maeas, Bethesda.

The North: M1: Major repair work between junctions 31 and 33 (A.57 Worksop/Rotherham). M6: Cootraflow between junc-tions 29 and 32 (A6 Preston / M55). M53: Closed between junctions 1 and 2 over Bidston Moss viaduct, Merseyside.

Scotland: M8: Contraflow between Paisley and Erskine and lane closures at Whitecart viaduct near Glasgow airport. A82: Roadworks and lane closures on the eastbound carriageway be-tween Erskine Bridge and Dunglass roundabout M90: Two contraflows on the Edinhurgh to Perth road between Halbeath and Cockiaw and between Cairney Bridge and Arlary interchanges.

Anniversaries

Births: Lope de Vega, Madrid, 1562; Andrew Carnegie, industrialist and philanthropist, Dunfermline, 1835; Carl Benz, pinneer of automobiles, Karlsruhe, Germany, 1844.

Deaths: Isaac Watts, hymn writer, Stoke Newington, 1748; Sir Augustas Callcott, landscape painter, London, 1844; Henrich Barth, explorer, Berlin, 1865; Lilian Baylis, founder of the Old Vic. London, 1937; Johnness Lilian Baylis, tounder it the Old Vic, London, 1937; Jnhmess Jensen, nnvelist, Copenhagen, 1950; Dame Myra Hess, pianist, London, 1965; Upton Sinclair, Bound Brook, New Jersey, 1968; Yakin Mishima, writer,

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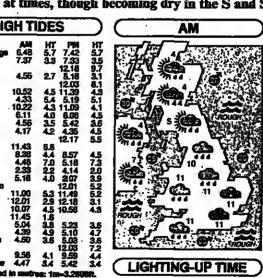
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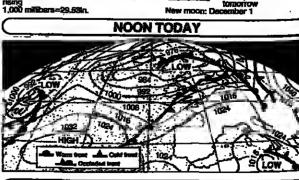
WEATHER British Isles, resulting in a strong SW flow over all parts. Scotland will have clear or bright intervals and showers. Northern Ireland will have some bright or clear intervals and only scattered showers. N Wales and N England will start cloudy with outbreaks of rain or drizzle. The remainder of England and Wales will be cloudy with outbreaks of rain or drizzle. Temperatures will be near normal in the far N and NW, but mild or very mild elsewhere. Winds will be strong in many places, and locally gale force in the extreme N and NW. Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Continuing changeable in most areas with rain or showers at times, though becoming dry in the S and SE.



LIGHTING-UP TIME



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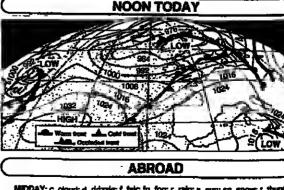


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Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

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Confusion claim over T&N bid

AE, the beleagured enmineering group, said last night that legal action being taken by hostile bidder Turner and Newall "is a desperate attempt" to confuse shareholders. AE has agreed to merge with the Hollis Group.

Turner and Newall is taking legal action against AE, its merchant bank Hill Samuel, and brokers Cazenove, for costs arising out of their breach of the Takeover Code. Hollis, a subsidiary of Mr Robert Maxwell's company, Pergamon Press, says it will raise the cash alternative part of its offer from 260p to 280p a share if it gets substantial support from shareholders in

US mints the silver eagle

AE. The deadline runs out

(AP-Dow Jones) - The American Eagle gold coin, which has soared in popularity since it was introduced last month, was joined yesterday hy a silver coin.

Dealers in America were able to buy the one-ounce Silver Eagle for the first time yesterday. There were 1.4 million coins offered for sale. Each has a face value of \$1 (71p), but its actual price will be determined by the market price of silver.

Profits ahead

Marshalls Halifax, the Yorkshire building materials and engineering company, announced profits for the half year to the end of September up from £4.1 million to £5.2 million. Turnover rose 27 per cent to £46.2 million. An interim dividend of 1.75p was declared. Tempes, page 32

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Prudential Portfolio Managers, part of the Prudential Corporation, the insurance company, is planning to develop a £400 million, 900,000 sq ft office building in the City of London. The Prudential has owned the freehold of the three acre site since 1970.

No referrals

Reckitt & Colman's acquisition of Durkee Famous Foods is not being referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Also cleared are the acquisition by Debron Investments of Guildford Industries and by Granad Group of Hardman Radio and Servicepoint.

Arrow sale

Blue Arrow has sold its US contract cleaning subsidiary, IMS/Kayward of Boston, Massachusetts, for \$1.2 million (£851 million) cash.

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Commercial reasons for abandoning South African bank

£42m loss on Barclays sale

Barclays Bank's sale of its remaining stake in Barclays National Bank of South Africa for £80.3 million took the City by surprise as the British bank is realizing considerably less than it would have done two

or three years ago.
Sir Timothy Bevan, the chairman, said yesterday that Barclays had been discussing the disposal since last May. The sale was justified on commercial grounds because the outlook for the South African economy had become extremely uncertain and Barnat no longer fitted into the its 40.4 per cent holding to bank's strategy of expansion into Far Eastern, European and American markets.

"Clearly it is better to make an investment in the US than in South Africa, which is uncertain and disapproved of by the rest of the world," Sir Timothy said.

The way was cleared for the sale in the last set of interim accounts in August, when the Barnat holding was revalued from a commercial rand rating to a financial rand rating, reducing its sterling value from £106 million to £58 million — a paper loss of £48

Unless the proceeds of the sale are taken in financial rands they cannot be repatriated to Britain.

ated to Britain.

The bank calculates that, set against the net asset value of its stake, it is making a £6 million profit after tax. But taking the adjustment into financial rands into account, it is sustaining a book loss of £42 million overall.

South Africa."

Barclays is the only large british company to follow the withdrawal of several US multinationals, including IBM, Cocacola, General Motors and Kodak. The small British building company Marshalls Halifax yesterday also put its South African subsidiary up for sale.

Sir Timothy admitted that the stake would have been worth considerably more in sterling terms before the sharp fall in the rand about a year ago. But he added that this was partially offset by a rise in Barnat's share price over the same period.

Barclays will, however, re-tain cross-border loan exposures to South Africa worth £766 million at the the end of last year. Of this, £538 million was in interbank lending to

Barclays is selling most of

No more firms set to leave

There were few signs yes-terday that any other targe British companies with South African interests were about to follow Barciays' lead. Standard Chartered Bank,

which will now have the targest banking exposure in South Africa of any British Bank, said that it had no plans to sell its 39 per cent stake in Stanbic.

per cent stake in Stanbic.
Sir Leslie Smith, chairman of the British Industry Committee on South Africa, which has 50 members, said: "There is no reason to suppose that Barclays' move will encourage other companies to pull out of South Africa."

Barclays is the only large

Switzerland, however,

Swiss universal banks.

Barnat's three other large shareholders — Anglo-Ameri-can, De Beers and Southern Life Association.

Sir Timothy said the price of R18 (£5.66 at the commercial rand rate) per share represented a 20 per cent discount to Barnal's present market value but was 40 per cent above the net asset value of the South African bank. Barnat's contribution to Barclays' post tax profits slumped to 2.7 per cent in

1985, despite the increasing risk of operating in South Africa. The adverse publicity caused by its South African investments also helped to cut Barciays' share of the important student bank account market from 25 per cent to around 17 per cent in recent

years.

Shares in South African gold mines were pushed lower yesterday by news of the Barclays withdrawal and a sharp drop in the gold price, which hit a three-month low of \$378.75 an ounce in New York on Friday. The financial rand, which

has to be used for all investment transactions in South Africa, fell by US2 cents in early trading to 21.75 cents before recovering to about 22.13 cents on investment demand and a stronger gold price of \$381 after New York trading opened.

Leading gold mine shares fell as much as £3, with Vaal Reefs dropping from £57.50 to £54.50 and Randfontein marked down from £62.50 to £59.50.



Sir Timothy Bevan: 'disposal discussed since last May

UK bid to tighten | £10.5m bid | Profits double to £50m at News Corporation

Corporation, the film, tele-vision and publishing group, which includes The Times, the Sunday Times, the News of the World and the Sun, more than doubled to Aus\$109.95 milquarter ended September 30 from Aus\$43.81 million in the

The results reflected improved trading profits in both the United States and Britain.

Pre-interest trading profits in America, where Twentieth Century Fox Film Corp and Fox Television Stations have become subsidiaries over the past year, rose from Aus\$11.5 million to Aus\$96.8 million.

Although the Norscot deal will add 1,032 bedrooms and

Part of the Norscot deal is an offer by Mr Peter Ross, Norscot's executive chairman Castle Hotel at Tarbert on the

cent of Norscot ordinary

world-wide turnover rise by 83 per cent to Aus\$1,323 Pretax profits at News

British profits increased from Aus\$39.1 million to Aus\$50.2 million. The company's four British newspaper

Foreign exchange earnings and investment income also rose, although profits fell in Australia, the company's 'home base. Interest and preference dividend payments were higher to finance the

Early birds in the great gas sell-off

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent

Applications for shares in British Gas began to arrive yesterday with the first trickle of completed forms from

customers.

Although the prospectus is not published until today, ahout a million mini-Saturday's post to gas users who had registered for their guaranteed allocation. A further 6.5 million will be delivered to homes by Thursday.

A spokesman for National Westminster Bank, the leading receiving bank, said more

ing receiving bank, said more than a dozen completed forms had arrived already at the bank's main London office. "Some customers have lost no time but we expect the real flood to start on Tuesday," he

On the "grey market", Cleveland Securities were quoting a price of 61p for the 50p partly-paid shares. More than a million shares changed hands through Cleveland yes-terday with the largest buying order for 250,000 shares.

Touche Ross, the accountants, will be policing the issue and have already identified more than 1,000 multiple registrations from people who will be under special scrutiny when their applications are

Eight firms have so far registered with the Stock Exehange as market-makers for British Gas, including Smith New Court, County Securities that their own jobb not be able to cope.

Trading, and the market-making arm of Hoare Govett. Wood Mackenzie would not comment but its market-making operation is understood to have registered. At least 10 are needed for British Gas to qualify as an alpha stock and more market-makers are expected to come forward before

Thursday's deadline.
Mr Brian Winterflood, managing director at County Securities Trading, said he expected up to 20,000 bar-



prospectus is on pages 35-50

To buy

shares in

the full

gains a day for his own firm when dealings start on December 8, compared with 5,000 for Trustee Savings

There has been concern that the expected high volume of small deals would deter somemarket makers, particularly after the experience of TSB. One said that his firm had been approached by two institutions who were concerned that their own jobbers would

NatWest to offer dealing service

British Gas shareholders Shareholders, who are expected to receive their accep-

tance letters io the week beginning December 15, can NatWest customers. Any number of shares from

50 to 5,000 can be sold in this way and a cheque for the share sale will be issued immediately.

The service will initially only be available for British Gas shares, until February 6, by which time NatWest plans to offer a similar scheme for the British Airways flotation.

County Securities, Nat-West's share dealing subsidiary, will operate the service, investors will be able to sel which is available for huying the shares at the shop and as well as selling British Gas receive immediate payment.

Lord Boardman, chairman will be able to sell their shares of NatWest, says the entire through branches of the Naoperation has cost £3 million through branches of the National Westminster Bank as and will be able to handle up to 20,000 deals a day.

NatWest eventually hopes to anounced yesterday. expand the service.

The scale of commission charges for selling British Gas shares through NatWest branpresent these letters at any ches will range from a mini-NatWest branch throughout mum of £3 for deals up to Britain. They need not be £150 to 1.5 per cent of the sale value on deals of £500 and more, the spread between huying and selling prices is likely to be between 1 p and 2p. Hoare Govert, one of the four stockbrokers to the Offer for Sale of British Gas shares. has opened its own share shop in a British Gas showroom at 319 High Holborn, central London.

Prospectuses will be available from the share shop from today. After December 15. investors will be able to sell the shares at the shop and

up on insider deals By Colin Narbrough

Britain hopes to bring together regulators from Europe, whose penchant for secrecy in the United States and Japan the financial sector is wellnext month to try and widen known, will not participate the international information owing to special problems net aimed at preventing fraud linked to rules applied by the net aimed at preventing fraud and malpractice in the financial sector, Government officials said yesterday.

The move comes amid growing concern that insider dealing and related abuse of the securities markets frequently involve complex international deals intended to cover the tracks of the

The Trade and Industry Department has an accord with two US statutory bodies, the Securities and Exchange andthe Commission Commodity Futures Trading Commission, providing a framework for swapping confidential information between regulators to help investigations.

This understanding enabled the SEC to pass on informa- lieve that the highly develtion to the DTI concerning the oped, albeit fairly informal British dimension of the activities of Mr Ivan Boesky, the disgraced American financier. The DTI relayed it to the

Stock Exchange.

Mr Michael Howard, the Minister for Consumer and Corporate Affairs responsible for Britain's financial services legislation for the post-Big Bang era, is the man trying to . set up the wider meeting on

exchanging information.

Which governments or appropriate regulatory authornies will attend has not been worked out but the group may extend to Australia and Canada.

MARKET SUMMARY

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FT. Gifts 81.32 (+0.32)	Cable & Wireless 332p (+

INTEREST RATES Londor: Bank Base: 11% 3-month Interbank 11%:-11%% 3-month eligible bills:10%-10%:6% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 71/%
Federal Funds 511/6/%
3-month Treasury Bals 5.35-5.33%*
30-year bonds 101%-1019-e*

CURRENCIES

London: £ \$1.4175 £ DM2 8605 £ SwFr2.3920 £ FFr9.3590 £ Y89.232.54 New York: \$: \$1.4170* \$: DM2.0195* \$: SwFr1.5890* FFr6.61 10 Yen164.12 £ Index 69.2 S. loring 117 f

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-NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Jan.) pm \$14.90bb((\$14.90)

for Norscot Hotels By Derek Harris

. Industrial Editor

Pleasurama, the casinos and leisure group, has offered £10.5 million for Norscot Hotels, the USM-qu group with most of its properties in Scotland.

Despite traditional Swiss opacity, the British Governmeot geoerally regards Switzerland as "relatively cooperative" where cross-border wrongdoing is under investigation, DTI officials Free to trade in securities

alongside other banking busi-ness, the secretive Swiss banks are widely perceived as a channel for financial transactions that might not bear official scrutiny elsewhere. And it is argued that withont information from Switzer-land, any international information net would be severely flawed. The Bank of England is,

however, understood to beama director, said. web of contacts between the central banks in the industrial world provides the means for extracting cooperation from shores of Loch Fyne.

the Swiss. Furthermore, the Swiss have no monoploy on rules confidentiality, which are a barrier to the free exchange of information between many countries, including Britain.

The deal, on agreed terms

but subject to Norscot shareholder approval, will add 12 botela to Pleasnrama'a expanding chain linked to coaching holidays. With the purchase earlier this year of National Holidays from National Bas this is the biggest coaching holidays operation in

will bring the number of hotels in the Pleasurama chain to 36, the group is seeking further hotel acquisitions in the South South west and Scotland to dovetail with the coaching holidays operations, Mr Barry Hardy, a Pleasur-

to buy back the Stonefield Pleasurama is offering 184p a share for just over 50 per

Interim results at Norscot out recently showed an in-crease in profits from

The acquisitions helped Midland rejigs

activities, bringing them under one organisation and has formed a new holding company for its investment management business, Midland Montagu Asset Management.

companies - Midland Montagu Fund Managers, Greenwell Montagn stock-brokers and Samuel Montagu and Co (Jersey) - with over £4 billion of funds under management.

venture arm Midland Bank has restructured its investment manage-ment and venture capital

It will operate through three

£341,000 to £552,000. SIB holds clearers to polarization

Curbing the bank manager

By Lawrence Lever

The clearing banks have lost their battle to persuade the Securities and Investments Board to drop restrictions on selling their own life assurance and unit trusts through their branch networks.

The decision by the SIB,

announced yesterday, to stand firm on so-called "polarization" means that banks will have to make onnis will have to make substantial changes in the way in which they sell these prod-ucts through their branches. The banks had been opposed to polarization — an idea introduced by the SIB stipul-

ating that those selling finan-cial products must be either

independent intermediaries

selling a range of products or company representatives sell-

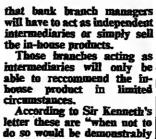
ing one company's products The banks have been petitioning Parliament and the SIB to exempt them from the effects of polarization. They say that it would restrict the broad advisory role of the branch bank manager who often provides general financial advice encompassing recommendations of in-house

and outside products.



Sir Kenneth: concern for customers

The SIB's decision came in Committee of London and Scottish Clearing Banks. "The Board remains con-



This would be particularly acute in provincial areas where customers relied heavily on their bank branch for advice. a letter by Sir Kenneth Berrill, the chairman of the SIB to the

vinced that in the area of the retail selling of life assurance and unit trusts the policy of polarization is essential to secure the necessary clarity of status of the salesman or intermediary in the minds of the consumer," Sir Kenneth



to the disadvantage of the The SIB's insistence on polarization means that where

bank owns an independent intermediary or has an independent intermediary unit, then that intermediary will also only be able to recommend the bank's products in the same limited circum-Sir Kenneth said that bank

portfolio managers — managers of investments on behalf of customers — would be able to select the bank's own unit trusts. The customer, he said, must be told that this will be done in a client agreement letter and the selection of in-house products by the portfolio manager must be in the customer's best The SIB's decision means

moved to a new mg technology printing plant in same period last year.

Wapping, east London, in

acquisitions. Shares in News Corporation, which recently obtained a listing on the London Stock Exchange, fell 10p to 725p.



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CANADIAN PRICES

WALL STREET Dow goes higher at start

turned higher yesterday in early moderately active tra-

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 3.23 points at 1.896.79.

Advancing shares led declines by a narrow margin, on a volume of about 25 million Mrs Christine Callies, of

Dean Witter Reynold, said:
"The market is probably going
to try to preserve its gains, but
it will run into trouble almost "The technical anderpinnings of this market are not all

that strong at these levels, its leadership since the second extended much beyond the takenver stocks." Coca-Cola Enterprises led the active shares, down ¼ to 16 1/4. AT&T, at 26 ¼, was unchanged, IBM was np ¾ to 124, Chevron was up ¼ to 47¼, General Motors was up ¼ at 73°/s and FPL Group, at

dman Industries was up 1 at 814, Zale, at 48%, was up 5% and Rexnord was up 2 at 20%. LTV Corporation was down 3/s at 21/4 and USX, at 21. was down 1/2.

May Department stores, at 383/s, was up 1. The transportation overage

was down 0.13 at 838.75, ntilities, at 211.14, were down 0.34 and stocks added 0.50 to 748.09.

Meanwhile, the Standard and Poor's 100 index was ap

Rank Xerox leads move to curb Japanese imports

By Edward Townsend Industrial Correspondent

Rank Xerox, the British associate of Xerox Corporation of the United States, is spearheading a new attempt by European photocopier manufacturers to curb Japanese imports.

Despite winning the European Commission's approval for anti-dumping measures, Rank Xerox and other European producers say that Japanese copiers are still likely to be sold unfairty in the EEC because of Japanese moves to set up "screwdriver" factories which are merely assembly operations based on the import of Japanese components. Magnin, the French-born chief executive of Rank Xe-

In a move led by M Roland rox, the European producers are lobbying the commissioo to impose a local content requirement oo the Japanese. The European group -



Roland Magnin: "we are not being protectionist"

which calls itself the Committee of European Copier Manufacturers (CECOM) - wants to see a minimum EEC con-tent of 55 per cent imposed oo Japanese manufacturers. This, it says, would protect the European industry and force the Japanese to set prices at

The issue of Japanese dumping in the multi-million

io Brunei is threatening the standing of Tan Sri Khoo Teck Puat, one of the three

white knights who earlier this

year rescued Standard Char-

Mr Khoo's eldest son, Khoo

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No pleas were taken from

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More company news

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• THOMAS BORTHWICK & SONS: The company is to receive a refund of surplus from

its United Kingdom pension scheme. The Inland Revenue

has agreed to a formula which will amount to £6.9 million gross or £4.2 million net after deduction of the 40 per cent special tax. The find will retain

an amount equivalent to 105 per cent of actuarially calculated

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pound European copier mar-ket - restricted until now to which remains the world leadthe low-volume desk-top market - and local content, has become a cause célèbre in EEC trade discussions.

The commission has agreed aiready with local producers that the Japanese have been guilty of damping and il intends to impose an import duty which M Magnin hopes will be at least 20 per cent when it is set by the Council of Ministers early next year.

But M Magnin and others

say that the time taken by the commission to reach a decision over the CECOM complaint has allowed the Japanese producers, whose leaders ioclude Caoon, Toshiba and Minolta, to establish so-called manufactime building their stocks of

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his late fifties, also faces charges of making false profit

statements to directors of the

bank and of allegedly falsify-ing the bank's annual report

The affair puts Khoo Teck

Puat under immense pressure

and raises the possibility of

the sale of his £62 million

stake in Standard Chartered.

Khoo Ban Hock, who is io

billion in all (£400 million).

er, now fears that in Europe the Japanese will try to repeat their success in the low volume sector with an attack on the new laser-printing machine sector and the market for high volume office copiers.

Japanese copiers have won about 80 per cent of the European desk-top market but CECOM says their prices have been lower than Japanese domestic selling prices.

The latest moves to force the Japanese to agree to local content io their machines match the campaign of the win commission acceptance of local content proportions in imported vehicles.

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But the impact on his

The statement issued by the Brunei Finance Ministry re-

fers to "good faith negotia-tions with the Khoos" and talks about "Khoo-related

The government obviously

regards the matter as a family

And the major banks in

Singapore have been asked by

the basis that they were

any ports that did not improve

He said: "We would not buy

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be catastrophic.

M Magnin said: "We are turing bases while at the same not being protectionist. If the Japanese played by the same rules as us there would be no Rank Xerox, derived from reason why we should not the American company that compete equally.

and Sir Alexander Gibb and Partners, in association with EPDC of Sidcup, is carrying out £7 million of design work for the whole project. Britain is contributing £70 million, including £16.5 million from the Aid and Trade Provision and a £15 million

UK firms

win £106m

contracts

By Teresa Poole

Four British companies have been awarded contracts

worth a total £106 million for

work on the Samanalawews

hydro-electric project in Sri

Balfour Beatty, the con-

struction arm of BICC, the

cable and wire manufacturer,

is leading a consortium of seven British and Japanese-

funded contractors chosen to

The project, one of the largest undertaken in Sri

Lanka, will mean almost

10,000 man-years of work for

Balfour Beatty's £83 million

contract includes the civil

engineering work for the 5km

tunnel, the power station,

roads, infrastructure and con-

struction village.

GEC Turbine Generators

will design, supply and install the two 60MW generators

under a £16 million contract

British companies.

build the £288 million dam.

ioan from the Commonwealth Development Corporation. Lloyds Merchant Bank is leading a banking syndicate to provide the balance of the reputatioo as a banker could

British element, backed by the Export Credits Guarantee Department. The Ceylon Electricity Board and the Government of Japan will supply the remain-

ing finance. Japanese finance will account for 60 per cent of the total cost, compared with Britain's 40 per cent.

Work is due to start in January and should be completed by July 1991.

China in £70m medical spend

China is ready to boost its imports of medical equipment dramatically in an attempt to modernize its outdated hospitals. It plans to spend up to US\$100 million (£70.4 million) this year.

The intention is to replace existing medical equipment which in some cases is more than 20 years old and the spendingis likely to increase in coming years, said Mr. Guo Jiangxing, a section chief of the State Bureau of Materials and Equipment.

He said that x-ray and diagnostic equipment are at the lop of his shopping list.

Son of white knight is Free glass offers accused of bank fraud hit Crown

giveaway campaign by the petrol companies draiced profits of the Crown House engineering and tableware group in the first half of this

tered Bank from the clutches Sales of quality glassware were also hit by the fall in the oumber of American tourists of Lloyds Bank. Ban Hock, appeared in court charged with conspiring to visiting Britain.

Pretax profits fell from £1.6 million to £663,000, on turn-over slightly ahead at £95

The tableware business saw a reversal from profits of £803,000 to a loss of £941,000. The chairman, Mr Patrick Edge-Partington, said: "It is only in the last mooth or so that we have started to see any improvement."

We estimate that oearly 150 to 200 million glasses have been given away by the petrol companies over the last 15 mooths, so clearly many of the shops decided there was no point stocking up with glasses from us or anyone else - at least until people started breaking all the glasses they had collected."

Crown House had to rely on its engineering cootracting activities to save the day, with profits during the latest six months advancing from less than £800,000 to £1.5 million. The company is again pay-ing a 3p interim dividend.

consideration for Audio Education. The new shares will not rank fur the final dividend for the year to June 30 1986.

• JF PACIFIC WARRANT CO SA: Net asset value per ordinary share as at November 21 is US\$51.21 (£35.80).

OCEAN WILSONS (HOLDINGS): Results for the six months to June 30. Turnover in Brazil in Can\$000s (cruzados 000s) 790,725 (215,427). Interim 0.5p (same), payable January 9. United Kingdom interest receivable 306 (302). Profit before tax of Brazilian operations 2.656 (1.395)

ian operations 2,656 (1,395). Pretax profit 2,754 (1,554). Tax 1,523 (745). Earnings per share 3,10p (2,03p). Net asset value 58,26p (52p).

the regulatory authorities to provide details of loans to the Khoo family, which is a snub bank's auditors. invited to join the Standard Chartered Board along with fellow white knights, Sir Y K The Bank is 70 per cent to the Siogaporian financier. owned by the Khoo family Pao, the Hong Kong shipping and after a five-month in-A warrant has been issued entrepreneur, and the Austra-lian Mr Robert Holmes a for the arrest of Chen Ping Fang, one of the Bank's exec-utive directors. vestigation the Brunei Finance Ministry has discovered

The financier, who was

ABPH may buy Sealink ports By Judith Huntley Associated British Ports decision when Price some of the Sealink ports on Holdings (ABPH) is to decide Waterhouse completes its report, expected in the next within the next few weeks

that 90 per cent of the bank's Court, has oot been personally

£400 million banking case loans are to Khoo-related

whether to buy some of three weeks. It is believed that Sea Sealink is part of Mr James Sherwood's loss-making Sea Containers has valued its six ports at £100 million, but Contaioers group. Price ABPH says it has no intention

Waterhouse, the company of accountants, is making a close study of the Sealink ports for ABPH. ABPH will make its the company would buy only of paying that figure. Sir Keith Stuart, the chair-

£000s. Turnover 8,988 (7,873). Gross profit 1,175 (975). Operating profit 401 (511). In-

terest payable and similar charges 202 (170). Pretax profit 199 (341). Tax 93 (1). Extraor-dinary debt 289 (nil). Earnings per share 3.2p (10.6p).

CHAMBERLAIN PHIPPS:

Figures for the half year to September 30 in £000. Interim

was 1.2p (1.1p), turnover was 50,222 (47,292), pretax profit was 2,409 (2,107) and tax was 958 (990). Earnings per share were 3,72p (2,74p). The chair-

man, Mr Frank Chamberlain, said the general industries di-vision increased profits in Britain and overseas. The adhe-

sive businesses now contribute a third of group trading profit

• SHERATON SECURITIES

ber 30. Interim was 0.375p. Property sales were 5,710 (2,275) and net property income was 1,928 (703). Pretax profit was 1,725 (661), tax was 200

(nil) and earnings per share were 1.6p (0.8p). The chairman hopes

to recommend an increased final dividend. The half-year results show a further improve ment and reflect the continuing progress of the group.

INTERNATIONAL: Figures in

it was interested in buying the Sealink ports.

our earnings per share and we would not buy on the basis of promises of performance." ABPH was approached by Sea Containers to see whether

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Profit before taxation	£7,414,000	£5,168,000	+43%
Profit after taxation	£5,948,000	£3,335,000	+78%
Earnings per share	14.80p	10.54p	+40%
Dividend net per share	5.0p	4.0p	+25%

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The Partners of Penningtons Ward Bowie are pleased to announce that they have acquired the practice of Cardales (City Office) and that Mr Cecil Benzecry of Cardales has joined them in Partnership.

Penningtons Ward Bowie also announce the opening on 24th November 1986 of their City Office at 57-59 London Wall, London EC2M 5TP. Telephone: 01-242 4422.

The 43 partners of the firm will continue to serve clients through their existing offices in London, Basingstoke, Bournemouth, Godalming, Newbury and Poole,

ings responded to the news that the group is applying for a American quote, with an 18p rise to 663p. The group has applied to the New York Stock

Exchange for an American Depository Receipt facility and dealings should begin in

the US to meet a number of fund managers and brokers.

Mr Mulcahy and the rest of the Woolworth board are only

too aware of bow vulnerable

they remain to a bid after the abortive £1.9 million assault

by Mr Stanley Kalms Dixons

Dixons still retains a near 5

per cent stake in Woolworth,

for which it paid an average

price of 670p. At Woolworth

they would not be suprised to see Dixons come bouncing back with another bid in the

Also being mentioned as a possible predator is Sir Ralph Halpern's Burton Group. It is

unlikely that either side will make a move until after the

full-year figures are an-nounced in March. But do not

be surprised if Woolworth

decides to hit the acquisition trail itself soon.

Standard Chartered fin-ished the day 2p higher at

806p.

The rest of the big clearing banks finished the day with

small gains after the news that

Barclays Bank had decided to

pull out of South Africa.

Barclays ended 10p dearer at

The group's decision to

sever its connections with

South Africa could also start

renewed American support for

the shares. The group has enjoyed an ADR facility on

But its South African

connection has forced New

York investors to give the

Costain fell 11p to 491p

after a downgrading by Chas Manhattan Securities from

£70 million to £63 million for

about charge was worten about recurring geological problems at Pyro Mine in the US. Costain's own broker, BZW, is sticking to its

forecast of £65.5 million, and

believes the problems at Pyro were solved last month.

shares a wide berth. Midland

Bank, 1p firmer at 555p, and Lloyds Bank, up 4p to 433p,

have both just returned from

the US. National Westminster

Bank hardened 4p to 498p.

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Wall Street for some time.

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OPTIONS

Farmers hope for happier ending When M Louis Malle, the

French film director, went to Glencoe, Minnesota, in 1979 to make God's Country, a life in the American heartland, he found a community of farmers who loved their land almost as much as their

As a postscript to the film, M Malle returned to Glencoe six years later to find the farmers depressed by falling grain prices, enormous loan burdens and stubbornly high One farmer said he would

be doing everything he could to dissuade his eight-year-old son from taking over the farm - if there were still a farm to take over. Another of M Malle's interviewees spoke ominously of bands of farmers who were starting tax strikes.

The reasons behind the malaise of the American farmer have also had severe repercussions for the futures markets, which trade grain contracts, principally the Chicago Board of Trade (CBoT). Futures fall

Apart from reducing the number of producing, consuming and other industry players, low prices have driven away the speculator, mostly to exciting new markets, notably financial futures. which have come on stream with far greater volume and price volatility.

If agricultural fotures have not declined in absolute terms, their fall relative to other contracts has been enormous. In 1976, some 16 million, or about 85 per cent of the 19 million contracts traded on the CBoT were in agricultural goods.

In the first nine months of this year, exchange members shook hands on almost 62 million fatures contracts of which only 15 million lots, about a quarter, were in wheat, corn and the three

soyabean markets. In an attempt to revive the old with the new, the CBoT is in the midst of an agricultural options programme which by next February will have matched each of the five futures contracts with a derivative option. If it appears that the exchange should have Unlisted Securities Market thought of doing this long ago, yesterday, went to 205p, a 35p the answer is it did, but was premium over its 170p placing only allowed to proceed when a 48-year-old ban on farm

options was lifted in 1984. So far the exchange is pleased with the progress made by the options, although no one is about to boast of their howling success. Soyabean options, the first on the floor in October 1984, traded 693,000 contracts in the first 10 months of this year while corn, introduced four months later, was not far behind with 497,000 lots.

As CBoT officials admit, the numbers are pitifully small compared with the exchange's Treasury Bond options, which have traded more than 15 million lots this year. The revival effect on the futures contracts they serve has also been minimal -- corn futures volumes are 2 per cent down on last year while soyabean

business is off 12 per cent.
The markets only really sprang to life at about the time of the Chernobyl disaster, which sent speculators' minds racing with visions of eastern European plains forever bligh-ted by miclear fallout.

The exchange takes more comfort from the fact that the

options are beginning to be taken seriously in the grain trade - not M Malle's miserable family farmers, but what the CBoT's Mr Peter Donnelly calls corporate farms" - huge undertakings owned by companies rather

Fixed price deals

Mr Donnelly, who heads the CBoT's new London office, also says the options are being used by grain storage companies which buy the com and beans from farmers. By charging the farmer for the put option, and giving him the payoff if prices move in the right direction, store owners are now in a better position to offer fixed price deals.

According to Mr Donnelly, there are also moves to institutionalize the options, at least in a pilot programme, in the latest farm legislation.

The third CBoT farm option in wheat started last week and the final two contracts in soyabean oil and meal will be posted next February, with hopes particularly high for the oil contract because of the high overseas interest in this

Even if they never prove to be a howling success, the agricultural options are un-likely to be cast aside in Chicago with the haste that other quiet contracts are disposed of. If prices do not start improving soon, the options could well outlast the farmers

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Dealers clear the decks for British Gas debut

By Michael Clark and Carol Leonard

it was all systems go for British Gas in the stock market yesterday, with dealers already predicting a warm reception for the £5.6 billion issue when dealings start on December 8.

The prospectus is published today and with so much money now earmarked for the floration, business in the rest of the market has been hit. Turnover among other leading shares was reduced to a trickle.

Mr Paul Spedding, leading oil analyst at Kleinwort Grieveson, adviser to British Gas, is already predicting that institutional investors will have their applications scaled

He says: "They are already buying other oil stocks like BP and Shell to maintain their weighting in the sector," be

BP has risen more than 20p in the past couple of weeks

and yesterday it gained a further 8p to 701p while Shell climbed 10p to 968p.

"The feeling in the market is that British Gas will go well," Mr Spedding says, "but while investors should see the shares go to a good premium they will not double their money

over night."
In the unofficial grey market, Cleveland Securities, the licensed dealer is already quoting the pertly-paid 50p British Gas shares at 63p, a 13p premium

The FT-30 share index, helped by an early rise on Wall. Street, closed at its highest level of the day, 8.4 higher, at 1282.6 and the FT-SE 100 index gained 11.6 at 1636.5.

The stronger pound boosted gilts, which showed rises of up to £% at the longer end. Among blue chips Hansen Trust firmed 5p to 202p pn renewed American support. Spandex, the signwriter

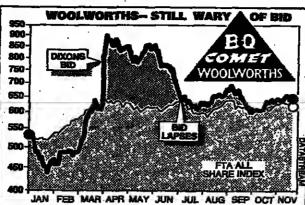
• Pilkington, the glass maker, dipped 13p to 610p, taking it closer to BTR's 540p offer. Kleinwort Grieveson says RTZ is t likely to join the £1.2 billion auction, because of its "lowly-rated paper and frugal approach," but "it could be interested in buying parts of Pikington," HTR fell 6p

which started dealings on the

Virgin, the record and pop music empire run by Mr Richard Branson, however, was still struggling to stay above its 140p striking price. The shares ended the day 11/2p below it at 138/p.

Stores were one of the high spots of the stock market as market men grew increasingly confident that the Government will, after all, be able to afford a full 2p in the pound cut in income tax. .

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chain, was one of the first to benefit, climbing 8p to 222p, as analysis talked about a re-rating for its shares. "They have had a bad run

over the past month, "says leading retail analyst Mr Paul Aynsley, at Wood Mackenzie, the broker, "because people are worried about dull trading in its womenswear division. But womenswear only ac-counts for about 20 per cent of group profits and the com-pany has now developed two distinctive ranges for its Next Collection and Next Too

shops, which should help."

He says that by January 1988 Next will only be on a 5 per cent premium to the high growth company, he thinks it deserves to be on a 30 per cent premium.

Brewers would also benefit

from a consumer spending spree and most of them showed plus signs.

Amid speculation as to which small regional firm will be the next to be taken out by one of the brewing companies, Morland, where Whitbread

has a large holding, gained 17p to 397p.

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IN THE MARKET

Why fund managers find oil compelling

The London equity market hydro-carbons will encourage is now gearing itself for its switching into the cheaper the price of oil falling quite greatest test—the flotation of British Gas. Early next month versely, if the oil price down by the Saudis' own roughly £2 billion needs to be paid over to the Exchequer as

the shares go on offer.

This is an important test of the depth of the London market, indeed of any stock market. For old hands, what is happening over British Gas is uncannity reminiscent of the grand remine early next month. Oil will go back to \$18 oil price shock obliged the British authorities to sell gilts hand over fist.

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The Sandi move to prop up the will be successful. An acceptable quots deal over production will be hammered out in Opec meetings ahead of the grand remine early next month. Oil will go back to \$18 oil price shock obliged the British authorities to sell gilts.

In support of this argument, hand over fist.

Some 10 years later, they are selling a different product — equities — but the amounts seem just as huge. And the motivation remains the same,

The authorities have done The authorities have done well to get the issue into the starting blocks in quite the shape it is and with investor interest more than just lake warm. World equity markets are not exactly in the best of shape. They are hardly falling out of bed, but on the other hand, they are falling to score advances in the way the authorities would prefer ahead of such a flotation.

Fund managers are cur-

Fund managers are currently fixated by the oil sector. It could be the cheapest sector in the market, in which case portfolios should be heavily overweight in BP, Shell and the other oil majors.

Conversely, the SE shares on a six months' view may look very dear indeed. The in-cidence of the British Gas flotation is highly pertinent to fund managers' calculations

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In support of this argument, the oil sector has been one of the top performing sub-sec-tions of the FT-Actuaries index so far this year. Both BP and Shell are within sight of share-price highs for the year. Like Venice, the Texas oil industry will be preserved and the British Gas flotation should be a resounding

But there is a more subtle argument. This holds that when cartels collapse they do so absalutely; there is no second chance. Hence the Sandi bid to shore up Opec is doomed to failure. In due course, oil prices should start falling again, perhaps dev-astating the British Gas issue in the waccess.

in the process.

Falling oil prices equal lower British oil revenues. equal a sterling crisis, equal tighter fiscal and monetary policy as taxes and interest rates are forced up to defend sterling.

The British Gas issue is left with the voters who take their the ballot box.

There is a further dimension reving soon, the options ld well outlast the farmers make the British gas monopment, quite apart from possible correspondingly more sible British pulitical attractive since more costly repercussions. A number of

In view of the recent en-forced departure of Sheikh Yamani as Saudi oil minister, this is a most surprising line of

\$3-a-barrel scenario is the surprise visit to Sandi Arabia of Mr George Bush, the US Vice-President, earlier this year when the oil price was down to \$9 a harrel. No one could fathom why Mr Bush had paid the Sandis a call.

Bush-men now opine that the Vice-President told the the Vice-President told the Sandis units simply that if oil prices continued to fall, the US bank deposits would be frezen. The Sandis took the Bush threat seriously but viewed it as an insult. Allegedly, they have now withdrawn their \$60 billion (£42.8 billion) deposits from the US banking system during the neriod of German. during the period of German and Japanese support for the dellar. The Saudis are now willing to respond positively to

any farther demonstrations of US provocative behaviour. Clearly, President Reagan's admission that he supplied Iran with arms comes in this category. So, too, will any move by Israel to attack Syria, the Sandis refusing to believe that the Israelis would attempt such a move without covert US

Sandi moves to slash the price of oil could come very shortly. Some pundits see war between Israel and Syria breaking out before the end of the mouth. Keep a close eye on the Breut crude spot-rates, now just below \$15 a barrel.

Christopher Dunn

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Tax reforms with an interest rate bonus

The US tax reforms now passed into law could provide a model for a third Thatcher Government. At a stroke, President Reagan and Congress have reduced the number of tax rates to two - a 28 per cent top rate and 15 per cent; broadened the tax base; shifted the burden from persons to corporate taxpayers; and simplified the system by obliterating most of the tax shelters.

Next week, Woolworth directors, including Mr Geoffrey Mulcahy, chairman, fly to The same reforms may provide also an uncovenanted bonus if they help to move interest rates lower. The US Treasury is expecting some downward pressure when tax relief on personal borrowing is removed on January 1. Raising the price of something normally reduces demand for it and removing tax relief should reduce the demand for bank finance.

Nobody is expecting the effect to be enormous. For one thing relief on mortgage interest on first and second homes remains, and some of this money will undoubtedly be applied to other areas of consumer spending. Personal borrowing other than for homes is only one area of the market. The best guess is that the effect on interest rates will be rather less than I per cent, but any downward pressure on rates in the new year will be welcome internationally, not least in

Highly significant for the long term future of tax reforms are the possible effects of the tax changes on growth and employment. Speaking at a conference yesterday organized by the Institute for Fiscal Studies, John Wilkins, a senior adviser to the US Treasury on tax policy, estimated the supply side effect of the changes as 0.2-0.3 per cent a year on economic growth and about the same on employment - say, 2 million jobs.

These estimates are fragile. But they underline that the purpose of tax reform is not just ease of administration or votes but the better working of the economy.

It may be true, as the institute's new director, Mr Bill Robinson, suggested, that Britain started from a slightly less chaotic tax structure than that of the US and that this country has made some worthwhile reforms already. The present fashion for gloom about Britain's efforts at tax reform is overdone. But we certainly have more to learn from the reforms now under way not only in the US but in most of the developed countries of the world.

Crucial trade figures

The pound has managed to compose itself ahead of the October trade figures, due this morning, helped by a little dollar nervousness about US trade data, to be published tomorrow. The market has decided that Britain's faster growth would really be on an balance of payments was so bad in

August and September that things are bound to have improved last month. If the market is wrong, then sterling is facing the firing squad without a blindfold.

By happy coincidence, the pound has settled at a level which, according to a report launched yesterday by the Public Policy Centre, called Exchange Rate Policy for Sterling, is an appropriate long-run equilibrium level. The report is the product of the deliberations of a distinguished committee under the chairmanship of Lord Croham and including John Williamson of the Institute for International Economics in Washington, and Marcus Miller of Warwick University.

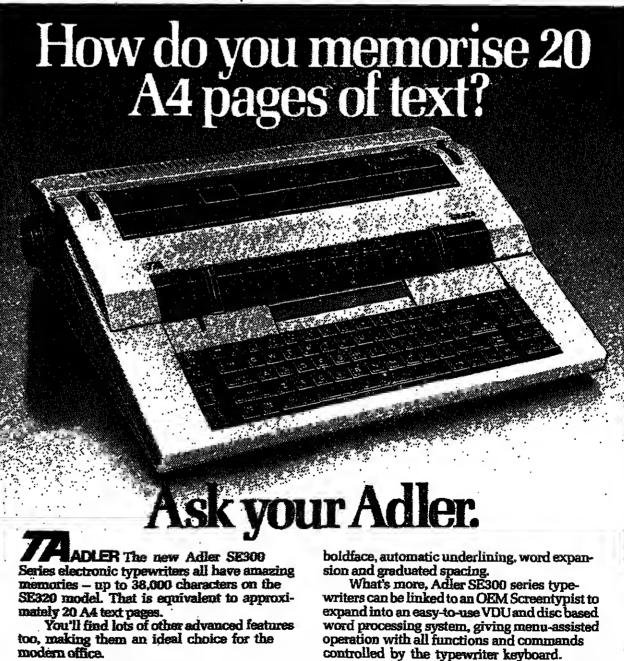
The committee believes that a sterling index of 68, albeit with a sterling mark rate of 2.75-2.80 against the mark (ten pfennigs below the current rate), is likely to deliver a rough balance on the current account and a steady reduction in unemploy-ment to something like the "natural" or non-accelerating inflation rate of

unemployment (Nairu).
The problem is, having got the pound to this rate, how do we keep it there? It will be no surprise to those who have followed the sterling debate, and indeed the committee's preliminary report, that the recommendation is for full British membership of the

European Monetary System. However, there is an important variation in the Public Policy Centre proposal. It comes with the suggestion that Britain could use the current political uncertainties to obtain more favourable terms for EMS entry than would otherwise be the case. There is evidence that the markets are already applying an election discount to the pound. Can the election also be brought into calculating the range in which the pound is allowed to fluctuate?

In the current atmosphere of uncertainty over Britain's economic and poltical prospects, even France might agree on an Italian-style plus or minus 6 per cent band for sterling, against the +/- 2.25 per cent bands for the other currencies. The committee's presumption is that the wider bands would be phased out as sterling gains credibility as a stable currency.

There is another suggestion, which emerged at yesterday's conference launching the Croham report, which might make the Prime Minister sit up and take notice. This is that British entry into the exchange rate mechanism of the EMS could be part of a general package to foster stronger growth in Europe, with perhaps even the Germans, after the January elections, persuaded to loosen the reins a little. A Prime Minister who could deliver both currency stability and election winner.



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TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

Fashion is name of the game in food market

It will surprise no one to learn that real spending oo food in Britain is broadly static. However, the food maoufacturers need oot despair. Nowadays, people are eating less, but they are paying more for

The average price paid per ounce of food seems to be iocreasing in real terms. In a study of the food manufacturing industry, sector specialists Robert Brand and Les Pugh at the stockbroker, Wood Mackenzie, conclude that food is increasingly becoming a fashion market. They argue that changing

eating habits and changing social and economic condirioos have created real opportunities for growth. Greater health conscious-

ness, for example, has stimulated a growing demand for low fat and additive-free products. Working mothers, and the

decline in the importance of family meals, has led to a growing demand for portioncontrolled products. Rising ownership of microwave ovens has changed the way in which many foods are packaged While the food manufac-

turers are responding to these trends, they are becoming more active in terms of new products and more careful io ideotifyiog their target markets.

Co-operation with the retailers can help the manufacturer to meet fashion equirements.

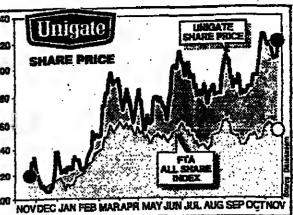
Growing demand for chi-lled and fresh foods and foods free from additives and preservatives, means that shelves have to be replenshed more often.

Consequently, significant opportunities have arisen io the still-fragmented food dis-

ribution busioess. If there are winoers who re taking market share in a market which is not growing, there must be losers.

Wood Mack believes the osers will be the small trad-

The winners will include Hazlewood, for which the study projects 53 per cent earnings growth over the next two years, and Hillsdown, where the market rating is at odds with a dynamic management and the strong impens for growth in earnings per



Unigate

The City has long been cantious about Unigate. Analysts have tended to describe its constituent businesses as "sound" rather than exciting. Yet they are worried that Unigate will make an injudicious acquisition, despite some shrewd purchases recently.

The interims posted yes-terday should have helped to improve sentiment, but the share price fell 7p to 311p. The market failed to be impressed with a pretax profits rise of 37 per cent to £47.1 million for the half-year to September 30, on turnover

up 3 per cent to £951 million. Profits were boosted by a one-off property gain of £2.5 million. Interest costs were lower by £3.5 million at £3 million and profitability improved through the sale of Uoigate Australia,

Liquid milk sales were disappointing. Milk volumes were down 3 per cent because of radiation fears from Chernobyl, the poor summer and lack of tourists.

Analysts are upgrading their forecasts to about £98 million pretax, putting the shares on a prospective multiple of 11, a discouot of 14 per cent to the market. The share price is underpinned by the 5 per cent gross yield.

Marshalls

Halifax

Pedestrian precincts are good news for Marshalls Halifax. More architects are specifying concrete-block paving in their designs because it is practical and is aesthetically pleasing. Marshalls has a 40

per cent share of the market and the market is growing by about 30 per cent a year.

Trading profits from concrete have grown steadily over the past five years and margins are widening, helped partly by steady but modest DITCE INCREASES.

Marshalls' marketing and product innovation have helped make the industry more glamorous, while steady stream of capital investment has secured the company's market position and profitability. External factors, such as buoyant DIY and garden-related demand. have been contributory fac-

The milistone around Marshalls' neck has been the engineering division. Rather ironically, Alliance Mercury, a problem area in the past fared well. Losses of £190,000 at Marshalls Hard Metals and Fielden Engineering were responsible for balving divisional profits to £185,000. Redundancy costs were taken above the line and trading is oow healthier.

Marshalls announced yesterday the imminent sale of its South African business. There will be a £100,000 write off.

Group profits for 1986-87 should increase to £9 million. this gives earnings per share of 14.9p. The shares are valued fairly on this basis, but do not include much in the way of takeover premium.

Marshalls would be a juicy morsel for a predator hungry for high margin, value-added niche businesses. Although the director's holding is less than 10 per cent, friends and relations could raily round to bring the holding to 30 per cent. However, there must be predators prepared to pay up.

PUSAFORWARI

Interim profits rise by over 30% for second successive year.

In the first half of 1986/87, Unigate's pretax profits were £47.1m; an increase of 37% on the previous year.

Which means that they're currently very nearly double the level of three years ago.

The success of our highly disciplined approach to corporate development is now beyond

We've shown our ability to stay ahead of the competition by anticipating market trends. (Like the move towards healthier eating that has taken St Ivel brands like Gold, Shape and Real to new heights in the market.) We've proved the value of our strategically balanced

approach to acquisitions and investment. (Four companies acquired in the last six months give us new strengths in fresh chilled vegetables, in animal feed and grain, in vehicle auctions, and in restaurants in the Southern USA, and we've committed major investment to extend our lead in a number of key business areas as well.)

We've demonstrated strong financial management skills. (Finance charges are down by 54% for the half year, for example.)

For our interim results in detail, and a copy of the accompanying Chairman's statement, please write to the Secretary, Unigate House, Western Avenue, London W3 0SH.

They'll show you a company with the muscle to meet today's

And with stamina for the future, as well.



FOOD · TRANSPORT · INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

APPOINTMENTS COMPANY NEWS

• PROPERTY PARTNER-SHIPS: Figures in £000 for the half year to September 30. Interim was 3p (2.5p). Gross rental income from investments was 533 (466), pretax profit was personnel director, joins the main board. Earnings per share were 8.7p

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● SARASOTA TECHNOL-OGY: Interim dividend was 0.8p (0.7p) for the six months to 0.8p (0.7p) for the six months to 0.8p (0.7p) for the six months to September 30, Figures in £000. Sales were 4,914 (4,538), trading profit was 803 (718) and pretax profit was 855 (752). Tax was 315 (302) and carnings per share were 3.06p (2.55p). Sarasota reports a 13.7 per cent increase in first-half profits.

board of Argyll Stores, a subsidiary of Argyll Group, intends to submit proposals to holders of the 6 per cent unsecured loan stock for the immediate repay-ment of the outstanding amounts of each of the stocks.

HAD: Figures for six months to September 30 io Mal\$000. Turnover was 262,950 (447,171), profit before tax was 30,653 (76,317), less depreciation of 11,800 (10,929). Earnings per share were 4.7 (10.7).

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joins the board as a noo-Daniel J Edelman: Mrs

Debbie Carberry and Mr Nick Gordon-Brown join the board. IML Air Services Group: Mr David Tanner becomes managing director.

Pickfords Travel: Mr Richard Levell has been made

managing director of the business travel division. Mr Roger

Wayment joins the division's Countryside Properties: Mr David Doig become directors

and Mr Anthony Chambers, Mr Stephen Stone, Mr Roger Thompson and Mr Micha Hill associate directors. Hill Samuel Life Assurance:

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ters is made key account executive, hotel industry. Sentry (UK) Insurance: Mr Val Olson becomes managing

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British Gas plc Offer for Sale The Directors of the Company are responsible for the information contained in this document other than the information in Sections II, VII (Parts G, H and I), VIII, IX and X of this document for which the Secretary of State is responsible. The Secretary of State is also responsible jointly with the Directors for the information in Section III of this document. To the best of the knowledge and which the Secretary of State is responsible. The Secretary of State is also responsible care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in this document for which they are respectively belief of the Directors and the Secretary of State, who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in this document for which they are responsible is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors and the Secretary of State accept responsibility accordingly.

British Gas plc

Offer for Sale

N M Rothschild & Sons Limited on behalf of

The Secretary of State for Energy

Under the Offer for Sale in the United Kingdom and separate offerings in the United States, Canada, Japan and Europe 4,025,500,000 Ordinary Shares of 25p each are being offered at 135p per share of which 50p is payable now, 45p is payable on 9th June, 1987 and 40p is payable on 19th April, 1988.

The Offer for Sale in the United Kingdom has been underwritten by

N M Rothschild & Sons Limited

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A copy of this document, which comprises the listing particulars in relation to the Company required by The Stock Exchange (Listing) Regulations 1984,
has been delivered for registration to the Registrar of Companies in England and Wales in accordance with those Regulations.

Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange for the whole of the ordinary share capital, issued and to be issued, of the Company to be admitted to the Official List.

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The following information should be read in conjunction with the full text of

THE BUSINESS

British Gas is the largest integrated gas supply business in the western world, providing over 99 per cent. of the natural gas used in Great Britain. It supplies over half of the energy used in British households and about a third of the energy used by British industry and commerce, after excluding fuel used for transport. It has nearly 17 million customers.

The primary activity of British Gas is the purchase, distribution and sale of gas, supported by a broad range of services to customers and by the marketing of gas appliances. British Gas supplements the purchase of gas from third parties by its own exploration and production activities.

More than half of the gas sold by British Gas is used by domestic customers, whose main point of contact with British Gas is provided by a network of nearly 800 showrooms. Industry, particularly the chemicals and engineering sectors, uses over a quarter of the gas sold. Commercial customers, such as schools, offices and hospitals, account for the remaining gas sales.

British Gas has an impressive record of business performance, of which the key features are:

- the total number of therms sold was nearly 40 per cent. higher in the year ended 31st March, 1986 than in the year ended 31st March, 1976 and 14 per cent. higher than in the year ended 31st March, 1981, despite some reduction in total United Kingdom energy demand since 1979
- overall market share in terms of energy supplied to final users
 (excluding transport) reached 44 per cent. in 1985 compared with 28 per cent. in 1975 and 39 per cent. in 1980
- significant improvements in productivity were reflected in the number of therms sold per employee increasing by nearly 32 per cent., and customers per employee increasing by more than 25 per cent., over the five years ended 31st March, 1986
- the level of profits in the last five financial years enabled a £3.6 billion capital expenditure programme, including the major developments of the South Morecambe and Rough gas fields, to be financed entirely out of cash generated from operations, while the cash resources increased by more than £600 million over the period.

In the past the affairs of British Gas were significantly influenced by government controls and constraints, in particular by the application of financial targets. Under this regime, which will cease to apply when the Company leaves the public sector, British Gas achieved in the five years ended 31st March, 1986 an average annual pre-tax return on net assets of 4.8 per cent. on a current cost basis and of 19.5 per cent. on an historical cost basis.

In preparation for the move into the private sector, the husiness of the Corporation was transferred to the Company in August 1986, and the capital structure has been changed by the introduction of indebtedness and the creation of share capital. In addition, a new regulatory regime has been established which places limitations on gas prices charged in the tariff sector (mainly domestic sales) hut not in the contract sector (mainly industrial sales).

The Directors consider that there is potential for further steady growth in sales to customers in the domestic and commercial markets where British Gas has a strong position. In the industrial market there has been a substantial reduction in turnover this year, although the recent modest recovery in oil prices has enabled British Gas to recover some sales. The reduction in turnover should be offset by the benefit of lower gas costs in the current financial year and there is expected to be a further reduction in gas costs in the next financial year as a result of the delayed effect of the overall fall in oil prices in 1986.

The Directors recognise that the ending of government controls and constraints following the move out of the public sector will provide wider commercial opportunities than have been available in the past, and believe that there are good prospects for the future development of the husiness.

OFFER FOR SALE STATISTICS

Offer for Sale price (payable by instalments) 135p

Market capitalisation at the Offer for Sale price £5,602.5 million

Price earnings multiple based on pro forma HCA carnings of 13.9p per Ordinary Share forecast for the year ending 31st March, 1987

Gross dividend yield at the Offer for Sale price based on notional net annual dividends of 6.5p per Ordinary Share

6.8 per cent.

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

British Gas prepares its accounts under the current cost convention so as to give due regard to the long life of its capital assets. The accounts include historical cost financial information in order to facilitate comparisons with publicly-quoted companies. Set out below are the unadjusted and pro forma results for the year ended 31st March, 1986 and the forecast results for the year ending 31st March, 1987 on a current cost and on an historical cost basis:

Curren	rt cost		Historic	al cost
Year ended 31st March, 1986	Forecast for year ending 31st March, 1987		Year ended 31st March, 1986	Forecast for year ending 31st March, 1987
£ million	£ million	Unadjusted	£ million	£ million
688	787	Operating profit	1,006	1,030
782	836	Profit before taxation	1,100	1,071
402	442	Profit after taxation	720	677
£ million	£ million	Pro forma	£ million	£ million
559	671	Profit before taxation	831	. 884
287	362	Profit after taxation	559	575
6.9p	8.7p	Earnings per share	13.5p	13.9

Notes:

- 1. The profit forecast described in Part E of Section I is made by the Directors on the basis of the assumptions set out in Section V. In particular, the results for the year ending 31st March, 1987 would be affected if the weather were to vary significantly during the remainder of the year from the seasonal normal pattern.
- In arriving at the unadjusted profit before taxation forecast for the year ending 31st March, 1987 £86 million has been charged in respect of interest on the debenture issued to H.M. Treasury.
- 3. Pro forma figures have been set out above in order to give an indication of the profit of British Gas for the year ended 31st March, 1986 and the forecast profit for the year ending 31st March, 1987 as if the new capital structure had been in place throughout the two years (see Part B of the accountants' report).
- 4. British Gas charges the cost of replacing certain categories of fixed assets against the profit and loss account. The effect of this policy over the last five years is set out in Part D of Section I.
- 5. Financial information on British Gas for the five years ended 31st March, 1986 is set out in the accountants' report (see Section IV).

STRUCTURE OF THE COMBINED OFFER

Under the Combined Offer H.M. Government is now offering for sale 4,025.5 million Ordinary Shares, representing 97 per cent. of the ordinary share capital, issued and to be issued, of the Company. This number includes up to 795.5 million shares which are the subject of separate offerings in the United States, Canada, Japan and Europe, all of which have been fully

Under the Offer for Sale in the United Kingdom certain institutional investors are being allocated 1,615 million shares. A further 1,615 million shares are being made available to the general public (the "U.K. Public Offer"), including eligible British Gas customers, employees and pensioners. If valid applications under the U.K. Public Offer are received for more than 3,230 million shares, the allocations to institutional investors and to the overseas offerings will be reduced by 40 per cent. (964.2 million shares in aggregate) and the number of shares available for the U.K. Public Offer will be increased accordingly from 1,615-million to 2,579.2 million.

By 14th November, 1986 about five and a half million people had registered as customers with the British Gas Share Information Office. Each customer who is eligible has been guaranteed, on application, a minimum allocation of 200 shares; up to ten per cent. of the U.K. Public Offer has been set aside to give greater allocations to such customers who apply.

The Secretary of State is excluding from the Combined Offer 124.5 million shares, representing three per cent. of the ordinary share capital. Of these, 38 million shares are being offered separately by the Secretary of State to eligible British Gas employees and pensioners under the Free Offer, the Matching Offer and the Pensioner Free Offer (as defined in Section IX). In addition, eligible British Gas employees and pensioners will be given priority in allocations under the U.K. Public Offer. Of the ordinary share capital, issued and to be issued, of the Company five per cent. is being reserved for eligible British Gas employees and pensioners under these offers.

The balance of the shares excluded by the Secretary of State from the Combined Offer (not less than 86.5 million shares) is being retained by him to meet share bonus entitlements. If this balance is insufficient to meet the maximum entitlements to bonus shares arising from applications under the U.K. Public Offer, the Secretary of State will withdraw from the U.K. Public Offer such number of shares as is required to meet these entitlements. If it is sufficient, then any remaining balance of the retained shares will be reserved for entitlements to the share bonus under the overseas offerings. The Secretary of State will, if necessary, retain out of the overseas offerings any further shares required to meet overseas share bonus entitlements.

SPECIAL INCENTIVES: BILL VOUCHERS OR SHARE BONUS

Individuals buying shares under the U.K. Public Offer may be eligible to receive free of charge from H.M. Government either bill vouchers for use against gas bills from British Gas or a share bonus of one share for every ten held continuously for three years, subject to a maximum bonus of 500 shares. The bill vouchers will be issued over a period of three years on the basis of £10 for every 100 shares held continuously up to the relevant qualifying dates, subject to a maximum value of £250. Further details are set out in Section VIII.

INSTALMENT ARRANGEMENTS

The Offer for Sale price is 135p per Ordinary Share, of which 50p is payable on application, 45p on Tuesday, 9th June, 1987 and 40p on Tuesday, 19th April, 1988.

Until payment of the final instalment the Ordinary Shares sold on instalment terms will be registered in the name of National Westminster Bank PLC. In the first instance they will be represented by renounceable letters of acceptance, which will be superseded in due course by Interim Certificates issued by National Westminster Bank PLC.

The expected timetable for the issue of documents is set out in Section IX. On registration of a renunciation or transfer, the liability to pay instalments will pass to the renouncee or transferee. Following payment of the final instalment, the Ordinary Shares will be transferred, free of stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax, into the name of the last registered holder. A summary of the Instalment Agreement is set out in Section VII.

SPECIAL DEALING ARRANGEMENTS

Special arrangements have been made to facilitate and reduce the cost of dealings in small numbers of shares. Details of these arrangements are set out in Section IX.



DIRECTORS AND ADVISERS

Directors of the Company

Chairman Chief Executive Executive Directors

Sir Denis Rooke, CBE FRS FEng Robert Evans

> Christopher Wadsworth Brierley Charles Edward Donovan William George Jewers, CBE James McHugh, FEng William Ronald Propert Allan Sutcliffe

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Roger Humphrey Boissier Richard Greenbury Sir Martin Wakefield Jacomb Sir Leslie Smith

Company Secretary

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SHARE CAPITAL AND INDESTEDNESS

Share capital following the Combined Offer

British Gas plc continued

Issued and to be

Authorised

£1,375,000,000 Ordinary Shares of 25p each

Special Rights Redeemable Preference Share of £1

The Ordinary Shares now offered for sale will rank io full for all dividends declared or paid on the ordinary share capital of the Company after the date of this document; special arrangements apply to capitalisation and rights issues and non-cash dividends during the instalment period.

Indebtedness

At the close of business on 10th October, 1986 British Gas had a secured short-term borrowing of £1 million, a secured loan of £5 million and finance lease commitments of £10 million. At that date Brilish Gas had cash, bank balances and short-term investments amounting to £1,580 million.

Save as disclosed above, at that date British Gas did not have any loan capital outstanding or created but uoissued, term loans or any other borrowings or indebtedness in the nature of borrowing, including bank overdrafts and liabilities under acceptances (other than normal trade hills) or acceptance credits or hire purchase or lease commitments, mortgages, charges or any material guarantees or other material contingeot liabilities.

On 20th November, 1986 a £2,500 million unsecured debenture was issued by the Company to H.M. Treasury as part of the overall change made in its capital structure. Except for this debenture British Gas has not, since 10th October, 1986, incurred any material indehtedness.



TIMETABLE

Completed application forms to be received by	10 a.m. on Wednesday, 3rd December, 1986
Basis of allocation expected to be announced by	Monday, 8th December, 1986
Dealings expected to commence in London at	2.30 p.m. on Monday, 8th December, 1986
Despatch of renonnceable letters of acceptance expected on	Monday, 15th December, 1986
Last date for registration of renunciation	Friday, 20th February, 1987

Tuesday, 9th June, 1987

Tuesday, 19th April, 1988

DEFINITIONS

"Authorisation" the authorisation to supply gas granted to

"billion" one thousand million

"British Gas"

issued, and fully

paid or credited

£1,037,500,000

as fully paid

£1

British Gas Public Limited Company and its subsidiaries and/or, as the case may be, their respective predecessors in business or any of them

British Gas and described under

"Regulatory Environment" in Section III

billion standard cubie feet measured at 60 degrees Fabrenheil and 14.7 pounds per square inch (standard temperature and pressure)

"CCA" financial information prepared under the

current cost convention (as explained in the accountants' report in Secoon IV) "Combined Offer

the Offer for Sale and the separate offerings in the United States, Canada, Japan and Europe referred to herein

"Company British Gas Public Limited Company

"contract customer"

a person who is supplied with gas by British Gas under a contract which provides for a minimum supply in excess of 25,000 therms per annum or which is entered into in circumstances where tariffs are not appropriate

"Corporation" British Gas Corporation

"Gas Act" the Gas Act 1986

financial information prepared under the historical cost convention

"Instalment Agreement" the agreement summarised in Section VII

Interim Certificates the certificates evidencing rights to and obligations in respect of Ordinary Shares to be issued pursuant to the instalment Agreement pending payment in full of the Offer for Sale price

"lbf/in2" the pressure at a point measured as a force in pounds weight on every square inch of

"MMMbb!" million barrels

"Offer for Sale" the offer for sale of up to 3,548.2 million Ordinary Shares being made by N M Rothschild & Sons Limited on behalf of the Secretary of State and described herein

"Ordinary Shares" Ordinary Shares of 25p each in the Company

range of naturally formed fluid consisting mainly of hydrocarbons, including gas, conde

"Secretary of State" the Secretary of State for Energy

the Special Rights Redeemable Preference Share of £1 in the Company

"tariff customer" a person who is supplied with gas by

British Gas otherwise than under a contract which provides for a minimum supply to excess of 25,000 therms per annum or which is entered into in circumstances where sariffs are not appropriate "UKCS"

United Kingdom Continental Shelf

References to the supply or provision of gas are, unless otherwise stated, to the supply or provision of gas through pipes, and references to gas suppliers should be construed accordingly.

A therm is one hundred thousand British thermal units where one British thermal unit is the quantity of heat required to raise the temperature of one pound of water from 58° Fahrenheit to 59° Fahrenheit. One therm is approximately equivalent to 100 cu. ft

The statistics for market share and therms of gas sold, which are illustrated in the graphs in "The market for gas" in Part B of Section 1, are derived from the Department of Energy Digests of United Kingdom Energy Statistics. Such statistics are shown on a calendar year basis. In the case of gas, unless the context otherwise requires, figures refer to the total sales and market share of gas in the United Kingdom (whether or not the gas was supplied by British Gas). However, British Gas provides over 99 per cent. of the natural gas used in the United Kingdom. The proportion of the total energy market held by each fuel is measured in therms on the basis of beat supplied to final users and calculated after excluding fuel used for transport. In accordance with the general practice to the Digests, the evergy market excludes oil for uses other than energy but includes all uses of gas, since statistics on its non-energy use are not available,



SECTION I THE BUSINESS OF BRITISH GAS



HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Gas has been used as a source of energy in Great Britain since William Murdock made gas from coal in 1792 to light his home in Redruth, Cornwall. The first public supply of gas was made under a Royal Charter granted in 1812 to the Gas Light and Coke Company for street lighting in London. Street lighting continued to be the main application for gas for many years and by 1850 the number of gas suppliers had grown to nearly 700. Thereafter the use of gas in the home and in industry increased to such an extent that by the mid-1930s there were about eleven million gas customers.

In those early days gas was supplied by both private companies and municipal undertakings. However, the Gas Act 1948 resulted in the nationalisation of all 1,046 gas companies and undertakings in Great Britain and these were amalgamated into 12 largely autonomous Area Boards. At the same time the Gas Council was established to advise the Minister of Fuel and Power and to assist the Area Boards, for example by borrowing money and carrying out research on their behalf.

Until the 1950s gas was produced mainly from coal but sharp increases in coal and labour costs led to a stagnation in gas sales and prompted the search for more economic means of producing gas. The main technological advance achieved in the late 1950s and early 1960s was the production of high pressure gas through the gasification of oil using light petroleum distillates. This advance led to cost reductions, and gas sales increased significantly in the early 1960s.

Natural gas was first introduced on a commercial scale into Great Britain in 1964 when it was imported by British Gas in liquefied form from Algeria. This gas was landed at Canvey Island and distributed in a high pressure pipeline extending to Leeds and supplying eight of the Area Boards. At that time natural gas had to be processed to make it suitable for use in existing

The importance of natural gas grew as substantial quantities were discovered in the North Sea in the mid-1960s. Within two years of H.M. Government issuing the first North Sea production licences in 1964, it was decided that all gas appliances should be converted to use natural gas and that a national high pressure gas transmission system should be constructed. At this nime and until 1982 all natural gas production from the UKCS had to be offered for sale to British Gas unless used for certain industrial purposes. The main conversion operation started in 1967 following the first landing of natural gas from the North Sea. Within little more than ten years the operation was completed and a total of about 35 million appliances used by more than 13 million customers had been converted to natural gas. The availability of abundani. low-cost supplies of natural gas enabled British Gas to achieve rapid growth; the number of therms of gas sold increased nearly four-fold in the twelve years ended 31st March, 1980.

Under the Gas Act 1972 the Gas Council was renamed the British Gas Corporation and took over the operations of the 12 separate Area Boards. This Act gave the Corporation increased power to search for and obtain supplies of gas and introduced the objective of profitability. It also continued the obligation contained in the Gas Act 1948 to supply premises within 25 yards of a gas main upon request; this obligation to supply was subsequently restricted to requests for supplies not exceeding 25,000 therms per annum. During 1483 and 1984 the Corporation disposed of the majority of its oil interests, for which it was not compensated, pursuant to directions from the Secretary of State.

In May 1985 H.M. Government announced its intention to sell shares in British Gas to the public and the necessary legislation (the Gas Act 1986) received Roya! Assent on 25th July, 1986. This provided for the business of the Corporation to be transferred to the Company and established the regulatory regime (described in detail in Section 111) which now applies to British Gas.



REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

Payment of second instalment

Payment of final instalment

1. Introduction

The primary business of British Gas is the supply of gas to domestic, industrial and commercial customers in Great Britain. It is an integrated business extending from gas fields to customers' premises by way of extensive transmission and distribution systems. Its activities range from the exploration for, and production of, natural gas to the sale, installation and maintenance of gas appliances.

British Gas reports its revenues and costs by reference to five separate profit centres of which by far the most important is the gas supply husiness. The turnover and operating results of these profit centres for the financial year ended 31st March, 1986 are set out below:

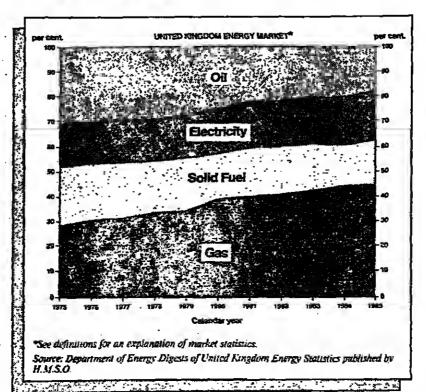
Profit centre	Turnover	Орега	Operating results			
	£ million	CCA £ million	HCA £ million			
Gas supply	7,109	703	1,006			
Installation and contracting	275	11	13			
Appliance trading	278	12	17			
Exploration subsidiaries	94	(43)	(39)			
Other activities	21	5	9			
	7,777*	688	1,006			

*17.687 million after excluding 190 million of intra-group sales.

2. The market for gas

British Gas is the leading supplier in the United Kingdom energy market (excluding transport) and, as shown in the graph below, gas provided over 44 per cent. of energy supplied to final users in the year ended 31st December. 1985. If the non-energy uses of all fuels were included, its share of the wider market (again excluding transport) would have been 41 per cent. for the year.

During the period covered by the graph total annual energy demand in this market declined by six per cent., while annual consumption of gas increased. The success of gas owed much to its price relative to competing fuels, its attractiveness as a clean, controllable and reliable fuel, which unlike oil and solid firel does not have to be stored by the customer, and to the marketing efforts of British Gas.



British Gas has nearly 17 million customers in England, Scotland and Wales and provides over 99 per cent. of the natural gas used in the United Kingdom. A breakdown of its sales and customers by market is shown in the following table:

	Yer	At	
	31st A	farch, 1986	31st March, 1986
	Therms	Sales	
Market	sold	value	Customers
	%	%	%
Domestic	53.7	61.2	96.5
Industrial*	31.6	24.6	0.5
Commercial	14.7	14.2	3.0
	100.0	100.0	100.0

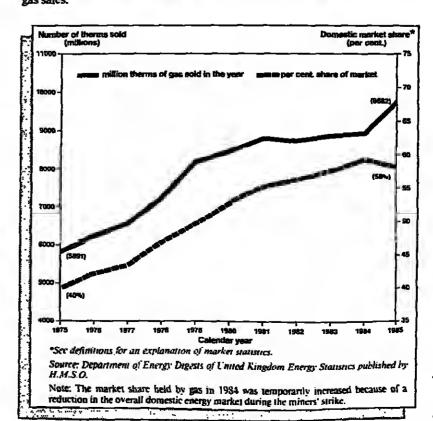
"Includes very small quantities supplied to power stations.

An analysis of the market for gas and of the activities of British Gas within that market is set out below.

(a) The domestic market

As illustrated in the graph, the number of therms of gas sold in the domestic market increased by more than 60 per cent. from 1975 to 1985. During this period the total demand for energy in the home increased by over 13 per cent. and the proportion held hy gas rose from 40 per cent. to 58 per cent., mainly at the expense of solid fuel and, to some extent, oil and electricity.

Gas is used in the domestic market for home heating, water heating and cooking where it is in competition mainly with electricity. Competition in the domestic market is limited, at least in the short term, to the extent that most domestic customers cannot economically change their source of fuel, particularly for central heating which accounts for more than half of domestic 285 Sales



British Gas has increased sales in the domestic market by three main methods: first, by encouraging more householders within the area in which a gas supply is already available to have a gas supply coonected; secondly, by laying mains to extend this gas supply area; and thirdly, by promoting the use of gas in preference to other fuels, primarily by persuading existing customers to extend the range of gas appliances which they use.

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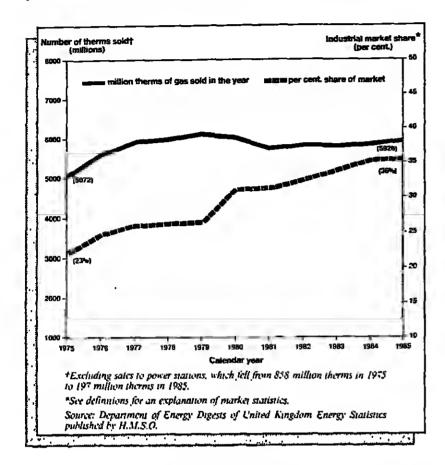
Of the 20.8 million households in Great Britain, some 17.8 million are within the existing gas supply area and, of these, more than 16.2 million are gas users. The number of households connected with gas has increased by nearly 1.3 million in the five years ended 31st March, 1986. New housing, which has been a significant source of growth, accounted for over half of this number. Over 80 per cent, of new homes built in Great Britain in the five years ended 31st March, 1986 have been connected with gas.

An important factor in the rise in domestic consumption in the five years ended 31st March. 1986 was the increasing use of gas for central heating. Of all central heating systems installed in this five-year period, 76 per cent, were gas-fired. The number of households in Great Britain with gas central heating is approximately 10.4 million.

Research and development are used extensively to support the domestic market. New materials and pipelaying methods have helped to reduce the costs of connection, enabling the gas supply area to be extended more economically. In addition, co-operation with manufacturers in the development of high-efficiency domestic boilers and of improved designs for cookers and fires has encouraged the wider use of gas appliances.

(b) The industrial market

Gas has a major share of the industrial energy market. Although the number of therms of gas sold oeclined as a result of the decrease in overall industrial demand for energy in the United Kingdom since 1979, gas was less affected than other fuels. The graph shows that gas increased its share of the industrial energy market (excluding transport) from 23 per cent. in 1975 to 36 per cent. in 1985. If the non-energy uses of all fuels were included, its share of the wider market (again excluding transport) would have increased from 19 per cent. to 29 per cent. in the same period.



In the current calendar year there has been a reduction in the number of therms sold and market share. While industrial sales hy British Gas in the first quarter of 1986 showed little decline, a significant reduction took place in the period from April to August, when the number of therms of gas sold was nearly 20 per cent, lower than in the comparable period in 1985. This reduction resulted partly from lower sales of gas as a chemical feedstock caused by difficult conditions in the international fertiliser and methanol markets and, following the sharp fall in oil prices, partly from some customers with an alternative fuel readily available switching from gas. However, the recent modest recovery in oil prices has enabled British Gas to recover some sales. The total number of therms sold in the industrial market for the full calendar year is expected to be around 13 per cent, lower than for 1985.

The industrial market is highly diverse and is characterised by the large volume of gas supplied per customer, for the most part under individually negotiated contracts. Gas is used by many different types of customer for a wide range of processes, which can be divided into two principal categories.

In the first category, gas is used as a "premium" fuel, competing principally against gas oil and, in some sectors, liquefied petroleum gas and electricity. In this category gas is used primarily by customers who require a fuel which is clean, readily controllable and does not have to be stored. These customers normally enter into "firm" contracts with British Gas (that is, without provision for interruption). Examples of the industrial uses of gas as a premium fuel are direct drying in the food industry, heat treatment of metals and the manufacture of glass and ceramics.

In the second category, gas is used as a "non-premium" fuel, competing against heavy fuel oil and coal where crude hulk heat is required. British Gas usually sells such gas under terms which give it the right to interrupt supplies in order to assist in matching overall supply and demand. This right to interrupt supplies to certain industrial customers reduces the need for expensive peak supply facilities and is reflected in the lower prices charged under interruptible contracts.

In addition to the two principal categories, significant quantities of gas are supplied for use as a chemical feedstock in the manufacture of fertilisers, although there has been a substantial reduction in sales volume in the current year. Gas used as a chemical feedstock is supplied in hulk at somewhat lower prices than in other categories, mostly on an interruptible basis.

In the year ended 31st March, 1986 about 55 per cent, of the number of therms sold by British Gas in the industrial market were on an interruptible basis, representing some 12 per cent, of its total gas sales revenue. All customers supplied on this basis are responsible for having an alternative fuel available and can therefore readily switch from gas to the alternative fuel and vice versa. A fall in the number of therms sold to interruptible customers has been the principal reason for the reduction in industrial gas sales volume in the current year.

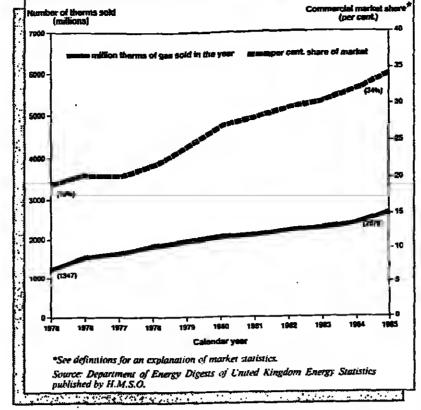
In the year ended 31st March, 1986 the three largest industrial customers of British Gas together accounted for 10 per cent, of total therms sold in all markets. The largest customer was Imperial Chemical Industries PLC, which accounted for 7 per cent, of total therms sold by British Gas in that year.

British Gas co-operates with manufacturers and its customers in the development of gas-hurning equipment in order to enhance fuel efficiency, product quality and productivity and to strengthen the competitive position of gas in relation to other fuels. Advanced hurner systems, which recycle waste heat by taking advantage of recuperative and regenerative techniques, have been developed to support sales into the industrial market.

(c) The commercial market

The number of therms of gas sold in the commercial market nearly doubled from 1975 to 1985, and gas increased its market share from 19 per cent, to 34 per cent, in the same period.

In the commercial market the average level of consumption per customer is lower than in the industrial market. No single type of user is dominant, the largest being the educational sector which accounted for about 20 per cent, of the number of therms sold by British Gas in this market in the year ended 31st March. 1986. Other users include shops, offices, hospitals, public huildings, hotels and restaurants. The commercial market, which predominantly comprises service industries and the public sector, has been less vulnerable than the industrial market to the level of activity in the economy as a whole.



About half of the gas supplied by British Gas to commercial users is sold on a tariff basis with the remainder sold under individually negotiated contracts, of which only a few are interruptible. More than two thirds of the gas consumed in the commercial market is used for space heating with water heating and catering accounting for most of the remainder. In space and water heating, gas competes mainly with oil and electricity, while in catering it competes mainly with electricity.

(d) Pricing

For pricing purposes customers are divided into two categories: in general, customers taking less than 25,000 therms per annum are charged according to published tariffs, while prices for customers taking greater quantities are individually negotiated with British Gas.

The table below shows the number of therms sold, sales value and average price per therm in the tariff and contract sectors for the year ended 31st March, 1986:

	Therms sold	Sales value	price per therm
Tariff contains	millions	£ million	p
Tariff sector(1) Domestic(2)	9.898	4,234	42.8
Industrial	313	118	37.7
Commercial	1,464	557	38.0
Total tariff sector	11.675	4,909	42.0
Contract sector			
Industrial(3)	5,603	1,604	28.6
Commercial(2)	1,423	486	34.2
Total contract sector	7,026	2,090	29.7
Total gas sales(+)	18,701	6,999	37.4

- (1) The effect of spreading the standing charge over different numbers of therms sold per customer accounts for the variations in average price per therm sold in the tariff sector.
- The commercial contract sector includes 148 million therms of domestic contract sales.
- (3) Includes very small quantities supplied to power stations.
- (4) Total gas sales exclude £110 million of income, primarily in respect of essential service revenuand gas used for own purposes, which is included in the turnover of the gas supply business.

(i) Tariff sector

In the year ended 31st March, 1986 tariff sales accounted for approximately 70 per cent. of the gas sales revenue of British Gas. The great majority of tariff customers are domestic customers but there are some 480,000 commercial and 76,000 industrial tariff customers. Prices paid by tariff customers consist of a standing charge and a rate per therm (which is generally uniform throughout Great Britain). In recent years, while British Gas was a nationalised industry, tariff prices were set in order to take account of a number of factors but they were particularly influenced by financial targets agreed with H.M. Government. Competition with other fuels has also been a factor but, in general, gas prices in the tariff sector have been below those of competing fuels with the exception of coal.

Under the regulatory regime established by the Gas Act, British Gas is subject to a system of price control covering the tariff sector and is required to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the average price charged to tariff customers (including the standing charge) does not exceed a maximum determined by a price formula. British Gas is not subject to profit control and prior regulatory approval for price increases is not required, provided the maximum determined by the formula has not been exceeded. The formula governs changes in the maximum price (whether increases or decreases) from the level applying in the year ending 31st March, 1987 and its broad effect is:

- (a) to allow the cost per therm of gas purchases, changes in which are largely affected by factors outside the control of British Gas, to be passed on in full to tariff customers; and
- (h) to encourage operational efficiency by limiting the element of the tariff price not represented by gas purchase costs by reference to the annual rate of change in the Retail Price Index less two percentage points ("RPI—2").

The price formula comes into effect on 1st April, 1987; until then tariff prices may not be increased. The terms of price control provide for the formula to remain in force until at least 1st April, 1992; the details of the price control system and the circumstances under which it can be modified are explained in Section 111.

(ii) Contract sector

The contract sector, which covers some 24,000 premises (mainly in the industrial or commercial markets), accounted for approximately 30 per cent. of the gas sales revenue of British Gas in the year ended 31st March, 1986. The prices charged to contract customers are individually negotiated with regard to a number of factors, including whether the contract is on a firm or interruptible hasis. Although many contract customers are of long standing, they are able to suspend or discontinue supplies at relatively short notice. Generally contract prices have taken into account competitive market conditions as well as the costs of supply but in the past they have also taken account of financial targets agreed with H.M. Government. The targets in recent years were achieved without the need for the price of gas to rise in line with the price of oil (its principal competitor) with the result that gas prices were, in general, significantly lower than the prices of competing fuels other than coal.

There was a rapid fall in crude oil prices from over U.S.\$25 per barrel towards the end of 1985 to about U.S.\$10 per barrel by the end of June 1986. This led to a reduction in the prices of competing oil products and put pressure on British Gas to lower its prices, particularly under interruptible contracts. British Gas responded to these lower oil prices hy, where appropriate, reviewing contract prices more frequently, often on a monthly basis for interruptible customers and on a three-monthly basis for firm customers, and reducing prices. However, following the modest recovery in oil prices, selling prices for gas have firmed, consistent with market conditions.

The contract sector is not subject to price control, but British Gas has published the maximum prices which it will, until further notice, charge in the contract sector. British Gas has also indicated its intention, subject to certain qualifications, to limit increases in published maximum firm contract prices for a period of three years to about the rate of inflation.

(e) Market support

British Gas attaches great importance to the activities which support its gas marketing efforts. In the domestic market, showrooms are the main point of contact with the public and the principal support activities include appliance retailing and customer service. In the industrial and commercial markets, British Gas provides a technical consultancy service which assists customers in making a more efficient and cost-effective use of gas.

(i) Showrooms

British Gas has a network of almost 800 showrooms, mainly in high street locations or in shopping centres. A large number of customers pay their bills through these showrooms. In addition, showrooms are used for the sale of domestic gas appliances and heating systems, dealing with customer service work, giving energy conservation advice and handling applications for gas supply as well as general enquiries.

British Gas seeks to make profits from its appliance trading activities while aiming to maximise sales of appliances in support of the wider use of gas in the domestic market. In the year ended 31st March, 1986 British Gas sold about 100,000 central heating systems, 700,000 space heaters, 500,000 cookers and 100,000 other appliances, primarily from the showrooms, but also directly to trade and wholesale customers. As part of the support to the sale of both gas and gas appliances British Gas uses its own service engineers to install appliances sold through its showrooms and offers a high level of maintenance and spare parts service, covering almost 3,900 different models.

Appliance trading is accounted for as a separate profit centre and its results are stated after deducting a proportion of showroom costs. Other showroom costs are charged to the gas supply business and to the installation and contracting account in order to reflect the extensive support provided by the showrooms to these activities.

British Gas carries out a continuous review of its network of showrooms — opening, modernising, relocating or closing as appropriate. Rationalisation of the showrooms has resulted in a ten per cent. reduction in their number since 1982.

(ii) Customer service

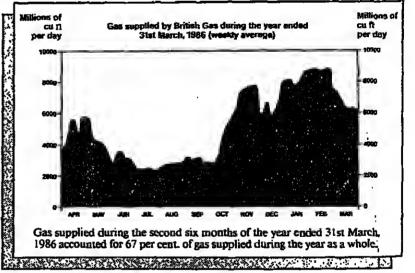
British Gas offers a broad range of customer services in two main categories, "essential service" and "installation and contracting".

Essential service, which is accounted for within the gas supply business, includes dealing with gas escapes and other emergencies, installation and repair of meters, request servicing of appliances and basic safety checks on specific appliances or for customer groups such as the elderly and the disabled. British Gas has established strict targets for speed of response to emergency calls and well defined standards of service for other work, and considerable resources are provided to ensure that customers can report emergencies easily and quickly. British Gas has given a written assurance to the Secretary of State that a range of services now available to domestic customers will be maintained while the current system of price control continues.

Installation and contracting has been developed on a commercial basis to counterbalance the highly seasonal nature of essential service work. In recent years service contracts for central heating and gas appliances have provided a significant growth in work load and have assisted in maintaining safety. During the year ended 31st March, 1986 service contracts covered more than 3.5 million appliances, representing an increase of 22 per cent, over the last five financial years, and British Gas installed over 100,000 central heating systems and 1.6 million other gas appliances. All these activities are accounted for under the heading of installation and contracting.

3. Matching gas supply and demand

Demand for gas varies markedly from season to season as illustrated in the graph below. On a very severe winter's day it can be five times that on the warmest summer's day and almost twice the daily average for the year as a whole.



Much of the seasonal change in demand is met by varying the amount of gas taken from producing fields by British Gas under its gas purchase contracts. Most contracts contain provisions for varying the offtake from fields at different times of the year within specified ranges. The extent of this variation is referred to as the "swing factor" which is the ratio of the maximum supply contracted to be available each day to the average daily contracted supply for the whole year. The higher the swing factor, the greater the flexibility in meeting seasonal demand.

If peak demand were to be met from variations in offiake alone, an overall swing factor of about 2.3 would be required. Flexibility at higher levels of demand can often be achieved more economically in other ways and therefore British Gas has negotiated gas purchase contracts which, taken as a whole, currently have a swing factor of only 1.5. Contracts for the supply of gas from the Southern Basin of the North Sea generally have a swing factor of 1.67, while those for the Northern Basin have a swing factor of 1.3 or less.

In order to supplement gas purchased under contract and to help meet winter demand, British Gas uses both seasonal supplies and peak storage. Seasonal supplies are those which can be operated for extended periods during the winter and comprise the specially developed South Morecambe, Rough and Sean gas fields. Peak storage has been developed to meet exceptionally high peaks in demand for gas which occur for short periods in severe winter weather. For this purpose British Gas uses gas from liquefied natural gas facilities and gas from underground storage cavities.

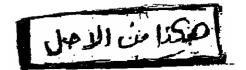
In addition to increasing supply during the winter through the use of these facilities, British Gas may also limit the overall level of demand which needs to be satisfied by interrupting supplies to certain large industrial and commercial customers. Interruptible contracts give British Gas the facility to suspend supplies typically for up to an aggregate of 63 days within a year, although in practice little or no interruption takes place in milder winters.

As well as seasonal variations in demand there are variations during the course of the day when maximum hourly demand may be as much as four times the minimum level. To meet daily variations in demand, gas is stored in local gas holders and within the transmission system itself.

Since the introduction of natural gas from the North Sea in 1967 British Gas has been able to satisfy increased demand during peak winter periods and has not been forced by peak demand to suspend supplies to its tariff or firm contract customers.

The negotiation of new gas purchase contracts and the construction of new supply or storage facilities have long time scales. An important feature of the business is therefore the need to plan these future sources of supply and facilities several years in advance to meet forecast annual and peak gas demand, while retaining flexibility to help meet new developments in the

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Ga supplies

(a) Gaspurchase contracts

Alturrent natural gas production from the UKCS is either purchased or ownerby British Gas, with the exception of very small quantities used by other proucers in the manufacture of chemical feedstocks. In the year ended 31st Mach, 1986 approximately 75 per ceot of the total gas supplied by British (as came from United Kingdom sources and the remainder from the Norwegan sector of the North Sea. Approximately 95 per cent, of total suppliesvas purchased by British Gas from third parties and the balance was produced from its own interests. Currently there are some 27 fields or groups of fieldsinder contract to British Gas.

Poduction of UKCS gas began io 1967 from the West Sole field in the Soother Basin of the North Sea. By 1972, four more Southern Basin gas fields were inproduction and virtually all the gas from these first five fields (the "Early Suthern Basin Fields") was, and continues to be, purchased or owned

Acontinuing increase in demand for gas, particularly following the dramati rise in the price of oil in 1973/74, led British Gas to contract for the purchas of gas from the Frigg field (the majority of which lies in the Norwegian sector othe North Sea) and the Brent field. The Frigg contracts were the first gas purhase contracts under which the price varied solely as a result of energy-related escalation factors. In consequence, changes in oil prices have had a mich greater effect on the cost of supplies from Frigg than on the cost of supplies from the Early Southern Basin Fields.

A further increase in demand for gas during the late 1970s and the beginning of the 1980s and the expectation that supplies from the Early Southern Basin Fields would start to decline led British Gas to enter into contracts for the purchase of gas from other UKCS fields, which were in general significantly more expensive to develop than the Early Southern Basin Fields. The prices initially paid for gas from these recent UKCS fields were of the same order as prices tren being paid for gas from Frigg.

The proportion of gas taken from the Early Southern Basin Fields relative to the proportiontaken from other fields has declined over the years. In the year ended 31st Murch, 1982, 61 per cent. of total supplies came from the Early Southern Basin rields. In the year ended 31st March, 1986 the figure was 44 per cent, but it is not expected to fall below 30 per cent, of projected total supplies within thenext five years. Supplies from Frigg accounted for approximately 31 per cut. of total supplies in the year ended 31st March, 1986, but they are estimated to fall to less than 10 per cent. of projected total supplies within the nex five years.

Most British Ges purchase contracts provide for an initial term of approximately 25 years, although they can terminate earlier if there are insufficient economially recoverable reserves in the field or if the relevant government production consent should expire and not be renewed. Production from a feld usually increases rapidly to a plateau lasting for a number of years. It nen declines progressively towards the end of the field's fe although, following re-negotiation and possible extension of a contract, additional facilities may be installed to offset declining production.

The price parable for the gas is generally determined for the whole length of the controt by reference to a base price and the operation of price valiation provisios. In addition, each contract commits British Gas to pay for annual or daily mantities, whether the gas is taken or not. However, there is flexibility in mot cootracts for gas paid for, but not taken, to be taken or credited to later yers. Take or pay balances due after one year increased from £36 million at 31s March, 1982 to £152 million at 31st March, 1986. No balances carried feward under take or pay provisions have been written off and, on the basis if its supply and demand projections. British Gas has no expectation of an write-offs in the foreseeable future.

Prices pairby British Gas under its gas purchase contracts vary widely. While the overa average price paid in the year ended 31st March, 1986 was 17.2p per there, the average price paid in that year for gas from the Early Southern BasirFields was very substantially below this level and the prices paid for gas fron Frigg and recent UKCS fields were very substantially above this level. Following the Gas Levy Act 1981, UKCS gas purchased by British Gas under alcontracts entered into before 1st July, 1975 (and accordingly exempt from Joited Kingdom petroleum revenue tax) has attracted a levy payable by fitish Gas to H.M. Government, which currently stands at 40 per therm. his took the overall average cost of gas for the year ended 31st March, 198 to 19.9p per therm when the levy applied to approximately 65 per cent. of I gas purchased. Under the Gas Act the levy may not be increased before 1st pril, 1992.

The resent effect of price variation provisions under contracts for the Early Soutern Basin Fields and under most other UKCS field contracts concluded of ore 1980 results in prices being determined largely by the rate of UniterKingdom general inflation, as measured by the Producer Price Index. Irthe case of other contracts, price variations are determined by references the prices of competing fuels, such as heavy fuel oil, gas oil and electricit as well as (in some cases) the Producer Price lodex and other price indicatos. In most contracts, price variation occurs annually, so that prices in a give period reflect the level of the relevant indices in an earlier period. This mens that the effect of changes in the indices takes some time to work througho gas purchase costs, so that, for example, only part of the fall in oil prices i the first half of 1986 will be reflected in gas costs for the year ending 31st Mrcb, 1987.

he effect on overall gas purchase costs of changes in the price of oil deends on a number of factors. Any explanation therefore involves assumtions and can be broadly indicative only. On this basis and taking the actualtix and quantity of supplies to British Gas during the year ended 31st March 1986, a ten per cent. general movement in oil prices (from their average level wer the period from April to June 1986) would eventually lead to a movetent of approximately four per cent, in total gas purchase costs, assuming exchange rates and all other factors remained unchanged. If the chang occurred at the beginning of a financial year, only a small proportion of thi movement would occur in the first year, with most occurring in the secon year and the remainder in the third year.

Although gas purchase prices are denominated in sterling, they are affected by changes io exchange rates. This effect is direct in cases where the variaon provisions include an indicator denominated in a foreign currency but enverted into sterling, such as the price of crude oil, and indirect where a Unted Kingdom indicator which is itself sensitive to an exchange rate, such as havy fuel oil, is included. There is a further direct effect in the case of the rigg contracts because the price provisions include adjustments, which operte monthly, to take account of changes in the value of sterling against othe major currencies. Again only a broad indication of the impact of exchange rate changes can be provided; on the basis of the actual mix and quartity of supplies to British Gas during the year ended 31st March, 1986, a ten er cent, weakening of sterling against all other currencies (from the averge level over the period from April to June 1986) would lead to an increase of approximately six per cent. in total gas purchase costs, assuming US collar oil prices and all other factors remained unchanged while on the ami basis a ten per cent strengthening of sterling would lead to a reduction approximately five per cent. If the change occurred at the beginning of a nancial year, well over half of the movement in gas purchase costs would ccur in that year and almost all the remainder in the following year.

b) Exploration and production

British Gas has been involved in exploration for petroleum since the rid-1950s and now has the largest single share (approximately 15 per cent.) d proven and probable gas reserves in the UKCS. In the early years the is olvement of British Gas was confined to joint venture arrangements, with oher companies as operators. Its first joint venture well in the North Sea was dilled in 1966: subsequently British Gas became an operator and drilled its fist offshore well in 1974 when the South Morecambe gas field was discovered. Te interests of British Gas in producing gas fields accounted for about five pe cent, of its total gas supplies in the year ended 31st March, 1986. These act vities are accounted for under the heading of exploration subsidiaries.

British Gas owns interests in 65 licences, covering 55 blocks on the ULCS. 14 blocks off the coast of the Republic of Ireland, 10 blocks off the cost of Denmark (awarded in 1986) and a oumber of areas in Great Britain. operator for 22 of these licences.

In the five years ended 31st March, 1986 British Gas was involved in drilling a total of 113 exploration and appraisal wells including 28 as operator. In this period 89 exploration wells were drilled, 36 per cent, of which flowed petroleum on test. Past successes include a number of significant oilfield interests, notably the discovery of a major onshore oil field at Wytch Farm. Dorset in 1974 with British Gas as operator. However, in 1981 British Gas was directed under the Gas Act 1972 to dispose of its 50 per cent. interest in the licence covering the Wytch Farm oil field; this was completed in May 1984. Under the Oil and Gas (Enterprise) Act 1982 British Gas was directed

to dispose of its interests in five offshore oil fields and its interests io 20 further offshore blocks considered to have oil-bearing potential or where oil had already been discovered. These disposals were completed in 1983 and formed the initial assets of Enterprise Oil plc, although oo British Gas staff were transferred to that company. The loss of these oil interests, for which British Gas was not compensated, means that the exploration and production achievements of British Gas are not fully reflected in the current level of petroleum reserves or in the profit record.

The existing petroleum interests of British Gas have been reviewed by ERC Energy Resource Consultants Limited ("ERC"), iodependent petroleum consultants, whose report (including relevant deficitions) is set out in Section VI. Their analysis of the remaining petroleum reserves attributable to British Gas at 30th Juoe, 1986 is summarised below:

Proven + Probable reserves	Gas	Oil and Condensal			
	Bscf	MMbbl			
Commercial	5,385	25.79			
Potentially Commercial	1.466	6.02			
Technical	802	43.70			

The Commercial Reserves of British Gas are held in seven developed fields. Two of these, the South Morecambe gas field, which represents about 80 per cent. of these reserves, and the Rough gas storage field, are wholly-owned interests of British Gas and are of strategic importance, being used as sources of supply to meet winter demand. The other commercial fields in which British Gas has interests are the Leman and Indefatigable gas fields in the Southern Basin of the North Sea and three small onshore oilfields in Great Britain.

The Potentially Commercial Reserves are contained in ten petroleum discoveries. Seven are dry gas discoveries on the UKCS, including the North Morecambe discovery, and three are small onshore oil discoveries.

The Technical Reserves are contained in 14 petroleum discoveries. mostly of gas and condensate.

5. The supply network

The supply network consists of high-pressure pipelines for hulk transmission of gas and low-pressure mains for local distribution, together with Ġ, seasonal supply and gas storage facilities.

(a) The transmission and distribution systems

Natural gas is delivered by producers to five coastal terminals where, after treatment and measurement, it passes into the national transmission system. The national transmissioo system carries the gas, in large volumes and at high pressure, from these coastal terminals to over 100 locations spread around Great Britain, where it passes into the regional transmissioo and distribution systems.

The national transmission system consists of some 3,300 miles of pipeline in sizes of up to 42 inches in diameter, operating at high pressure (up to 1,100 (bf/in2). Fifteeo compressor stations have beeo constructed at various points in the system to restore pressure losses during transmission, thereby increasing the capacity of the pipelioes. The compressors are driven by industrial derivatives of high-powered aircraft gas turbines such as Rolls-Royce Avons and RB-211s. Gas then passes into the regional transmission system, which comprises approximately 7,650 miles of high-pressure pipelines. These convey the gas to the main centres of demand.

At these centres gas passes from the regional transmission system to the distribution systems through pressure reduction stations. The pressure is then reduced progressively until the gas

reaches customers' meters through individual service pipes, normally at around 0.4 lbf/in2. The distribution systems consist of some 135,000 miles of low-pressure mains ranging from 2 inches to 48 inches in diameter and there are individual service pipes to nearly 17 million customers.

British Gas attaches particular importance to the safety and security of supply of the transmission and distribution systems. It applies standards and codes of practice to cover the engineering procedures and activities of the system such as design, materials, methods of construction, testing. commissioning, inspection and maintenance. These standards and codes are based on British or international standards as appropriate and include codes published by the Institution of Gas Engineers.

The transmission and distribution systems are also inspected regularly and routine maintenance is carried out to ensure safe, reliable and economic operations. An increasing oumber of transmission pipelines are inspected periodically from the inside using on-line inspection units developed by British Gas. A service is maintained 24 hours a day to deal with any plant or mains failures, public reports of gas escapes or other emergencies. British Gas believes that the transmission pipelines and distribution mains are in satisfactory conditioo and adequate in all material respects.

To order to ensure that the distribution mains remain in satisfactory condition, British Gas is carrying out a programme to replace certain categories of these maios. Until the 1960s distributioo mains were predominantly made of cast iron. While many of these mains remain in good condition, a high and increasing proportion of new and replacement distribution mains laid in recent years has been made of medium density polyethylene and virtually all service pipes are now laid using this material. The replacement programme has mainly involved the replacement of cast iroo mains in higher risk locations and was accelerated in the ten years ended 31st March, 1986. In this period a total of 19,300 miles of cast iroo mains was replaced. Cast iroo currently accounts for approximately 58 per ceot. of distribution mains in use and polyethylene for 22 per cent. The contiouing programme is expected to result in a further 8,700 miles of distribution mains being replaced over the next five years.

In order to reduce costs and to improve efficiency, British Gas has in recent years introduced oew techniques and equipment designs, several of which have been developed in its own research statioos. The costs of excavation and surface disturbance have been reduced by the introduction of narrow trenching techniques for mains-laying and pneumatic "moles", which pull service pipes and small diameter mains either through the ground or through existing pipes. "Live insertioo" techniques have also been developed by which smaller pipes cao be inserted into existing mains without interruption of the gas supply. In addition, easily replaceable modules are used to regulate the gas flow in distribution mains. These modules are small enough to be installed underground, thereby reducing maintenance costs, the impact on the environment and the likelihood of equipment damage.

(b) Seasonal supplies and storage of gas

The large volumes of gas needed to meet peaks in demand are provided by the following range of facilities:

(i) Seasonal supplies

These facilities are designed to be operated for extended periods during the winter, when large quantities of gas cao be drawn at short notice.

South Morecambe gas field

This field is one of the largest gas discoveries made on the UKCS and is a wholly-owned interest of British Gas. Located some 20 miles off the Lancashire coast, the facilities have been specially eogineered to provide supplies of gas, ioitially during the winter only, for at least 40 years, instead of the more usual 20 to 30 years. The costs of producing gas from this relatively shallow field have been reduced by adopting, for the first time on the UKCS, a "slant" drilling technique, which increases the reservoir area capable of being drained from each platform. Production of gas commenced on schedule in the winter of 1984/85 and maximum gas production capacity of about 1,200 millioo cu.ft per day (equivalent to about ten per cent, of anticipated peak demand) is planned to be achieved by 1990, following completion of the second stage of the development. The construction of these additional facilities is scheduled to commence in 1987.

Rough gas storage field

The Rough gas field, which is located in the North Sea less than 20 miles from the Humber estuary, is oow used for gas storage. The field first came ioto production in 1975, when British Gas held a 50 per cent. interest. In 1980, when a large portion of the recoverable reserves had been extracted, British Gas purchased the remaining ioterest in the field. In order to develop its use for gas storage, new facilities have been installed by British Gas, both offshore and onshore. Duriog periods of low demand, gas is drawn from the national transmission system and compressed into the field at a pressure which, when the field is fully developed, is planned to rise to some 3,700 lbf/io2. Gas can be withdrawn from the field for use in winter and it is planned that the maximum output rate will rise to about 1,000 million cu.ft per day (more than six times its original peak daily rate) by 1988 when the development is completed.

Sean gas fields

British Gas:

..... LNG Storage with Liquelaction Plant

Underground Storage (Salt Cavity)

▲ Producers Exporting & BG Reception Territ

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plified National Gas

In addition to the seasonal supplies from the South Morecambe and Rough gas fields British Gas has contracted for the provision of seasonal supplies from the Sean fields, situated in the Southero Basin of the North Sea, The Sean fields are planned to supplement seasonal supplies, starting with the 1986/87 winter.

> On the day of greatest demand for gas in the 1985/86 winter the South Morecambe and Rough fields produced 690 millioo cu. ft, contributing 7.5 per cent. of the total supply for that day.

(ii) Peak storage

These facilities are designed to meet exceptionally high peaks in demand for gas, which occur for short periods in severe winter cooditions, and to maintain supplies in the event of a pipeline or other supply disruption. British Gas has built six major liquefied natural gas storage installations in strategic positions. Gas is liquefied and stored at atmospheric pressure and at a temperature of minus 160°C, under which conditions it occupies 1/600th of its gaseous volume at standard temperature and pressure; it can then be re-gasified wheo extra supply is needed.

Gas is stored for the same purpose in salt cavities, which have been hydraulically excavated nearly 6,000 ft below ground level, at a site io North Humberside. Gas is compressed into the cavities at pressures of up to 4,000 lbf/io2 at periods of low demand, to be stored at about 1/250th of its volume at standard temperature and pressure, and released when needed. Four cavities are in use and three more are under development.

(iii) Daily storage

In order to satisfy peak customer requirements during the day, it is economical to have storage available as close as possible to the point of demand. Nearly 1,000 local gas holders, filled mainly at night, fulfil this function. while further storage can be provided by using spare capacity in the transmission

(c) Control of the supply network

This map is provided for the purposes of illustration only

and should not be taken as giving any indication of the precise

positioo or description of any part of the transmission system.

The transmission system is controlled at two levels. Central control of the national system is Headquarters-based, with one control room in Loodon, conceroed primarily with overall supply strategy, and another in the Midlands, responsible for balancing supply against demand for the whole country oo a day-to-day basis. At the secood level there are twelve separate regional cootrol centres, each directly connected to the Midlands cootrol room and responsible for meeting demand within its own Region.

The cootrol room in Loodon is responsible for managing the offtake of gas from the fields. It also has responsibility for ensuring that contractual obligations are met and that planned contract quantities are taken. Projected demand for each day is based on estimates of demand made by the Regions which take account of forecast weather conditions. British Gas is cormally required to give producers twelve hours' notice of its requirements for the

The national transmission system is monitored cootinuously from the Midlands cootrol room by telemetry using an extensive microwave network owned by British Gas and supplemented by other telecommunications facilities. The control room collects data from about 200 points on the national transmission system and is able to control valves and some compressor stations by remote operation.

Regional control centres are responsible for meeting the wide variations in demand experienced during the day. These centres have their own telemetry systems and operate in a similar manner to the Midlands control room. They monitor and control a large number of remote points on regional transmission systems, and can draw on gas stored in gas holders and in transmissioo pipelines. They also work closely with the Headquarters' control rooms in arranging for interruption of supply under sales contracts when necessary.

6. Research and development

British Gas uodertakes research and development in three main areas: gas utilisatioo; gas transportation; and gas production and manufacture. Expenditure on research, development and testing in the year ended 31st March, 1986 amounted to £76 million. The main effort is deployed in five research stations and other specialist sites owned by British Gas. Work is also carried out in collaboration with universities and industrial concerns. including other energy companies, both in the United Kingdom and overseas.

Research undertaken by British Gas has led to many important advances in gas-related technology, often with export potential. Prominent among recent advances, the most important of which are described above under "The market for gas" and "The supply oetwork", have been the on-line inspection systems, developed to scan high pressure pipelines from the inside for defects. using magnetic techniques and involving new micro-electronic technology.

For the longer term British Gas has developed technology for producing substitute natural gas from a variety of feedstocks. Current work is conceotrated on coal using a slagging gasifier, which also has potential for chemical feedstock production and for electricity generation.





7. Consultancy services

British Gas offers a wide range of technology, products, expertise and services for sale overseas through its international consultancy service ("ICS"), which produced revenues of £2.5 million during the year ended 31st March, 1986. ICS provides consultancy services covering all aspects of the gas business, including licensing of gas manufacturing and purification processes. and marketing the products of research. ICS operates on a commercial basis but does not take on the financial risks or funding of overseas projects. Since 1984 ICS has actively sought to exploit opportunities overseas, particularly in those countries where major gas developments are planned.

MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYEES

British Gas operates under the overall direction of an experienced Board. The Chairman is supported by a Chief Executive, a further six executive Directors (five of whom are Managing Directors, each with responsibility for specific business functions) and by four non-executive Directors. Mr. Jewers. one of the five Managing Directors, will retire from the Board in December 1986 and will be replaced by Mr. Sutcliffe, who is already an executive Director of the Company.

1. Directors of the Company

Sir Denis Rooke, CBE, FRS, FEng (aged 62) has been Chairman of British Gas since 1976. He joined the gas industry in 1949; after holding a number of engineering appointments he became full-time Member for Production and Supply of the Gas Council in 1966 and Deputy Chairman in 1972. He served on the National Economic Development Council from 1976 to 1980 and was a part-time Member of the British National Oil Corporation

Mr. R. Evans (aged 59) has been Chief Executive of British Gas since 1983. He has worked for British Gas since 1950 with the exception of six years between 1956 and 1962, when he was employed by Burmah Oil Company Limited. In 1977 he became Chairman of the East Midlands Region and in 1982 Managing Director, Supplies, at Headquarters.

Mr. C. W. Brierley (aged 57) is Managing Director, Economic Planning. He was appointed to this post in 1982 and became a Corporation board member in January 1985. Prior to this he was Director of Finance and then Director of Economic Planning at Headquarters. He joined British Gas in 1970 from EM1 Records Limited.

Mr. C. E. Donovan (aged 52) has been Managing Director, Personnel since 1982, following his appointment as a Corporation board member in 1981. He joined British Gas in 1966 from Richard Costain Limited and held a number of executive positions at regional level before being appointed Director of Industrial Relations at Headquarters in 1977.

Mr. W. G. Jewers, CBE (aged 65), who is a Certified Accountant and a Cost and Management Accountant, is currently Managing Director, Finance but is due to retire from the Board in December 1986. He was appointed to this post in 1982, having been a Corporation board member since 1976. Prior to this he had been Director of Finance since 1969. He entered the gas industry

Mr. J. McHngh, FEng (aged 56) is Managing Director, Production and Supply. He was appointed to this post in 1982, having been a Corporation board member since 1979. He joined the gas industry in 1946 and held a number of executive positions at regional level before his appointment as Director (Operations) at Headquarters in 1975. Mr. McHugh is currently President of the Institution of Gas Engineers.

Mr. W. R. Probert (aged 52) is Managing Director, Marketing. He was appointed to this post in 1982 and became a Corporation board member in January 1985. He joined British Gas in 1957 and held a number of regional and headquarters executive positions before his appointment as Marketing Director in 1975 and then as Director of Sales in 1977, both at Headquarters.

Mr. A. Sntcliffe (aged 50), who is a Cost and Management Accountant, will become Managing Director, Finance in December 1986, having been appointed a Corporation board member on 1st August, 1986. He joined British Gas in 1970 from British Rail and has held a number of executive positions at regional level, being appointed a Regional Deputy Chairman in 1980.

Mr. R. H. Boissier (aged 56) was appointed a non-executive Corporation board member in 1981. He is Deputy Chairman of Broadgate Holdings Limited (part of the Edward Lumley group), a Director of Pressac Holdings P.L.C. and was an executive Director of Whessoe PLC from 1975 to 1983. In October 1986 he was appointed a non-executive member of the Severn-Trent

Mr. R. Greenbury (aged 50) was appointed a non-executive Corporation oard member in 1976. He is Chief Operating Officer of Marks & Spences P.L.C. and a non-executive Director of Metal Box P.L.C.

Sir Martin Jacomb (aged 57) was appointed a non-executive Corporation board member in 1982. He is a Deputy Chairman of Barclays Bank PLC and Executive Chairman of Barclays de Zoete Wedd Limited, having previously been a Vice-Chairman of Kleinwort Benson Limited from 1976 to 1985. He is also a Director of Christian Salvesen PLC, Commercial Union Assurance Co. plc, The Daily Telegraph plc and is Deputy Chairman of The Securities and Investments Board. He became a Director of the Bank of England in May 1986.

Sir Leslie Smitb (aged 67) was appointed a non-executive Corporation board member in 1982. He is a non-executive Director of The BOC Group plc. having previously held the position of Chairman and Chief Executive of that company. He has been a non-executive Director of Cadbury Schweppes p.l.c. since 1977.

2. Organisation and management

British Gas is organised into a Headquarters and twelve Regions. Headquarters is responsible for formulation of policies, for co-ordination and for the direct management of centralised operations such as gas purchasing. exploration, bulk transmission of gas, negotiation of major industrial sales contracts, and research and development. Regions are largely responsible for customer-related activities, including the distribution and sale of gas, the retailing, installation and servicing of gas appliances, meter-reading and collection of accounts, and the maintenance of emergency services.

The management structure of British Gas reflects the integrated nature of the husiness. The management of the Company is controlled by the Executive, comprising the Chief Executive and Managing Directors. There is, however, significant delegation of authority to the twelve Regions for the conduct of day-to-day husiness within a framework of central planning and

Headquarters is organised into seven divisions covering production and supply, personnel, marketing, economic planning, finance, resources and external affairs, and research and development. The first five of these are led by Managing Directors; the Chief Executive takes responsibility for the other twn divisions. In addition there is a secretariat, led by the Company Secretary, which covers legal services, administration, property management and public

The Managing Directors and the Company Secretary are supported by twenty Headquarters Directors, who are not members of the Board. The Headquarters Directors head major segments of the seven divisions and the secretariat, some being responsible for centralised nperations and others for policy formulation. planning and co-ordination of regional activities.

Each of the twelve Regions is headed by a Regional Chairman and Reginnal Deputy Chairman, who are responsible for managing regional nperations within national policy guidelines, operating against performance targets agreed annually with the Executive. Regional management structures follow a similar pattern to that of the Headquarters divisions. Regional Chairmen meet regularly with the Chairman and the Executive to discuss policy matters. More detailed co-ordination of policy is achieved through a series of national committees, reporting ultimately to the Executive. These committees cover specific functional activities and include representatives from Headquarters and each of the Regions.

3. Employees

At 31st March, 1986 British Gas had 89,747 employees of whom 4,198 were part-time. This total comprises 4,032 management and professional staff, 9.582 technical and supervisory staff, 19.901 craftsmen and apprentices and 56.232 clerical and other employees. In order to provide flexibility to cover fluctuating workloads, the work force is supplemented throughout the year by employees of outside contractors who are principally involved in laying mains and service pipes. At 31st March, 1986 this supplementary work force represented an equivalent of about 13.000 full-time employees.

The number of British Gas employees has reduced in the past five financial years by about 16,000, while the average number of contractors'

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employees has remained fairly constant. The reduction in direct manpower has been achieved during a period of sustained business growth and reflects the attention paid to improving operational efficiency and the investment by British Gas in new technology. Despite the scale of the manpower reduction, a commitment to resource planning has enabled the majority of the reductions to be achieved by natural wastage, redeployment and control of recruitment.

Approximately 90 per cent of the employees of British Gas are members of trade unions recognised by the Company. Negotiation and consultation with these unions has been conducted formally for many years within National Joint Councils, whose constitutions provide for a reference to external arbitration by management or trade unions should they fail to agree. This facility has been used very rarely but is viewed by British Gas as important in a service industry where continuity of supply is of considerable significance. British Gas has indicated to employees and trade unions its intention to continue the personnel policies it has developed over the years in support of the business objectives of the Company. These policies relate principally to resource planning, training and development, the maintenance of appropriate reward systems and reliance on its well-established industrial relations

Manual employees received an increase of 6 per cent, in basic wage rates plus improvements to other terms and conditions from 19th January, 1986. They have submitted a claim for 1987 and British Gas expects the negotiations to take their normal course. Annual negotiations in respect of salaries and terms and conditions of employment for staff and senior officers, and for higher managers, have still to be concluded.

Over the last ten years significant national industrial action has been confined to a one-day strike in 1981 called by all the trade unions in protest against the possible disposal of the showrooms following the Monopolies and Mergers Commission Report on Appliance Retailing. Less extensive industrial action occurred in the same year in a number of Regions when some shift-work staff took unsuccessful action in support of a pay claim.

4. Employee share schemes

The Company has established an employee profit-sharing scheme which initially be operated in conjunction with the Offer for Sale. It has also adopted an employee savings-related share option scheme. Details of these schemes are set out in Part E of Section VII.

5. Pensions

The large number of pension schemes which existed prior to nationalisation and those set up after nationalisation have in more recent years been progressively absorbed into the British Gas Corporation Pension Scheme ("BGCPS") for manual workers and the British Gas Staff Pension Scheme ("BGSPS") for all staff, including management. Both provide for men and women at age 65 to receive a pension of 1/60th of pensionable pay for each year of pensionable service. Annual pension increases in line with movements in the Retail Price Index have been paid consistently for many years. Should this practice cease at any future time, the rules of the two pension schemes require the scheme assets to be applied, to the extent necessary to meet all accrued benefits in respect of service then rendered (including future pension increases), before they can be used for other purposes.

Valuations of both schemes as at 1st April, 1985, which were carried out by their actuary, R. Watson & Sons, confirmed that on the assumptions made (which included allowance for future salary and pensions increases) the assets of the schemes were sufficient to meet the past service liabilities by September 1985 in the BGCPS and will be sufficient to meet the past service liabilities in the BGSPS by March 1987. British Gas pays contributions, as certified by the actuary, which together with members' contributions of 6 per cent. of pensionable pay are sufficient to maintain the solvency of the schemes. From 1st April, 1986 the contribution of British Gas as a percentage of total pensionable pay is 6.0 per cent. (rising to 8.4 per cent. from 1st July, 1988) for the BGCPS and 23.4 per cent. (reducing to 12.6 per cent. from 1st April, 1987) for the BGSPS.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

1. Introduction

Financial information on British Gas for the five years ended 31st March, 1986, the date to which the latest audited accounts were drawn up, is set out in full in the accountants' report (Section IV). Throughout this period British Gas bas prepared its accounts under the current cost accounting convention. The objective of preparing current cost accounts is to ensure that the profits reflect the surplus arising from the operations of the business after allowing for the impact of price changes on the resources needed to continue the existing business and particularly after allowing for a depreciation charge which represents the cost of maintaining the operating capability of the business. The Directors regard this as particularly important for British Gas because its principal assets have long lives and accordingly replacement costs greatly exceed original historical costs. However, to facilitate comparisons with publicly-quoted companies, full historical cost financial information has also been included in the accountants' report.

It is the intention of the Directors that British Gas should continue to prepare its annual accounts under the current cost convention and to include audited historical cost financial information in the annual accounts in line with its current practice

As a nationalised industry British Gas was significantly influenced by H.M. Government in its financial affairs. The pattern and level of its profits and cash flow in recent years are of limited relevance since they have been materially affected by the application of financial targets agreed with H.M. Government and since results will in the future be affected by the new capital structure. The targets specified a rate of return on capital employed to be met and operational efficiencies to be achieved over a period of years as well as annual levels of funds to be generated from operations. The pricing policy adopted by British Gas reflected these financial targets.

The target rate of return agreed for the four-year period ending 31st March, 1987 was an average annual current cost operating profit of four per cent. on average total assets less current liabilities at current cost. Over the first three years the average annual return achieved was slightly in excess of this target. The second target was a twelve per cent. reduction in net trading costs per therm of gas sold in the year ending 31st March, 1987 as compared with the year ended 31st March, 1983. For this purpose, net trading costs comprised operating costs of the Corporation except depreciation, replacement expenditure and current cost adjustments; costs were measured in constant prices using the Producer Price Index and the volume of gas sales was measured at seasonal normal temperatures. This target was met within three years. The third target was an annual level of cash generation and this was attained in each of the last five financial years.

All financial targets agreed with H.M. Government will cease to apply when British Gas leaves the public sector.

At 31st March, 1986 the net assets of British Gas amounted to £18,183 million on a CCA basis and £7,467 millinn on an HCA basis. Of these amounts

fixed assets accounted for \$10,700	minion sucression minion	respectively,
made up as follows:	CCA	HCA
	£ million	£ million
Land and buildings	1,190	363
The pipeline system	13,778	4,111
Gas and oil fields	1,609	1,420
Other	188	156
	16,765	6,050

(a) Land and buildings

British Gas owns some 12,000 acres of land (approximately 4,400 acres of which are used in connection with the national transmission system) and a wide range of properties throughout Great Britain. Land and buildings are subject to regular revaluation and the results of the most recent revaluation were incorporated into the current cost balance sheet at 31st March, 1986. This revaluation was carried out by professionally qualified surveying staff of

British Gas has two principal categories of freeholdind leasehold properties: non-specialised properties, which consist chick of offices, showrooms, warehouses, workshops and residential units; ad specialised properties, which are predominantly service depots and operatinal sites. The net book value of non-specialised properties at 31st March. 186 was £420 million on a CCA basis, equivalent to their open market vale, and £162 million on an HCA basis, the net book value of specialised prepries at the same date was £734 million on a CCA basis, equivalent to the net current replacement cost, and £200 million on an HCA basis. No sitile property accounted for more than five per cent, of the aggregate book-aine (on a CCA basis) of all British Gas properties. Surplus property accumts for the remainder of land and buildings.

(b) The pipeline system

The pipeline system includes not only transmission and istribution mains and service pipes but also meters, plant and machinery such as gas reception terminals and compressor stations), and storage facility (including Rough). The net book value of this system at 31st March, 1986 mounted to £13,778 million on a CCA basis and £4,111 million on an HCA asis.

(c) Gas and oil fields

The net book value of the gas and oil field installationswas £1.609 million on a CCA basis and £1,420 million on an HCA basis athlst March, 1986. Of these, the installations at the South Morecambe field, icluding the related offshore and onshore support facilities, accounted for £1533 million and £1,366 million respectively.

Capital expenditure

The capital expenditure of British Gas over the last five inancial years

is summarised below.		Years o	ended 31st	Marih	
	1982	1983	1984	. 1985	1986
	£	£	£	£	£
	million	million	million	million	million
Land and buildings	28	63	24	27	56
The pipeline system .	272	345	429	\376	231
Gas and oil fields	84	249	566	847	218
Other	59	62	69	62	66
Total	443	719	1.088	8 2	571
The above includes expenditure on South				T	
Morecambe and Rough of	117	417	809	488	273
Total excluding expenditure on South Morecambe and			1		
Rough	326	302	19	324	298
			1	10.00	

Capital expenditure of approximately £500 rellion (including £140 million for South Morecambe and Rough) is projected or the current financial year. Capital expenditure for the next few years is projected to continue at a similar level, including a total of approximately £400 hillion on the second stage of the South Morecambe development. Future apital expenditure is expected to be financed primarily from internally generated funds.

3. Cash flow

In each of the last four financial years British Gas Is achieved a positive cash flow notwithstanding the high level of capital expediture and over the last five financial years taken as a whole it has generald an aggregate cash surplus in excess of £600 million. A large number of its ustomers are billed on a quarterly cycle, accounting for over 50 per cent. revenue from gas sales, which compares with its obligations to make monthy payments under gas purchase contracts. In addition, during the course of ch year cash flow is particularly affected by the seasonal nature of the busine. British Gas has generally met these additional demands for working capal arising in the second half of the financial year (particularly from Janual to March), by using its cash resources and by borrowing in the short-term oney markets.

4. Capital structure

During the five years under review the business of hish Gas was financed mainly by retained reserves. As a consequence of theransfer of the business of the Corporation to the Company on 24th August 986 changes have been made to the capital structure. These include the liability for the then outstanding £214 million British Gas 39Guaranteed Stock, 1990-95 to H.M. Treasury and the issue to H.M. Gormment of ordinary share capital and an unsecured £2,500 million debentu; (for which no cash was received). The net effect of these changes has been toncrease the indebtedness of British Gas by £2,286 million. Further details to given in Part B of the accountants' report.

Profit record

The profit record of the Corporation for the five years ended 3st March, 1986 is set out below on a CCA basis and on an HCA basis. This cord has been restated to take account of the divestment of certain oil intests (see Part A of the accountants' report) but has not been restated to taklaccount of the new capital structure of British Gas.

	1982	Years of 1983	ended 31st 1984	March 1985	1986
Number of therms sold (millions)	16,876	16,463	17,281	17,744	8,701
CCA	£ million	£ million	£ million	£ million	£
Turnover	5,106	5,833	6.395	6,914	(.687
Cost of sales	(2,719)	(2,947)	(3,387)	(3,984)	(.598)
Gross profit Operating costs	2,387	2,886	3,008	2,930	.089
	(2,003)	(2,142)	(2,173)	(2,279)	(401)
Operating profit Net interest receivable	. 384	744	835	651	688
	46	59		61	94
Profit before taxation	430	803	909	712	782
Taxation	(187)	(231)	(154)	(188)	380)
Profit for the year	243	572	755	524	402
нса	£ million	£ million	£ million	£ miltion	miion
Turnover	5,106	5,833	6,395	6,914	7587
Cost of sales	(2,641)	(2,888)	(3,352)	(3,918)	(4539)
Gross profit Operating costs	2,465	2,945	3,043	2,996	3145
	(1,768)	(1,898)	(1,932)	(2,065)	(214)
Operating profit Net interest receivable	697 · 46	1,047 59	1,111 74	931 61	1.007
Profit before taxation	743	1,106	1,185	992	1,10
Taxation	(187)	(231)	(154)	(188)	
Profit for the year	556	875	1,031	804	72)

(a) Five-year review

Within the overall framework of the financial targets, the levelof profitability in individual years reflected the need to generate sufficient funds from operations to finance the South Morecambe and Rough projects. particularly during their peak spending period. In addition, external factors had an impact on profitability during the period under review, the maor elements being gas costs (which are sensitive to movements in the U.S. dolar oil price and the sterling exchange rate) and the weather. However, underlyng the movements in profits over the five years was an upward trend in he number of therms sold by British Gas.

British Gas plc continued Thoperating profits for the years ended 31st March, 1982 and 1983

were enheed as a direct result of substantial increases in tariff prices in 1980, 1981 at 1982. This was in line with a government policy of increasing homestras prices by 10 per cent, per annum in real terms over the three-year period forder to ensure that prices reflected the economic cost of supply. In ubsequt years British Gas kept tariff price increases at or below the rate of inflatiodespite significant rises in gas costs, since it was on course to meet he finalal targets. The effect of these two factors on operating profit in the ear end 31st March, 1984 was counterbalanced by volume increases in the omest and commercial markets (largely as a result of the weather being older on the previous mild winter). However, in the year ended 31st March, 985 oss profit was reduced by a significant increase in gas costs, due articurly to the general depreciation of sterling in that year. In the year ended 1st M.ch. 1986 the severe winter weather gave rise to volume increases in he dor-stic and commercial markets. This led to an increase in profitability, artiall offset by an increase in the cost of gas purchased which was not effecte in tariff prices. In the five years ended 31st March, 1986 British Gas thieve an average annual pre-tax return on net assets of 4.8 per cent. on a A bass and of 19.5 per cent, on an HCA basis.

Veather

he turnover and profits of British Gas were affected by particularly cid waters in the financial years ended 31st March, 1982 and 1986 and hy mid wather in the winter of the year ended 31st March, 1983. Ahnormal sesond temperatures have a direct effect on turnover, but the effect on pufitability is more complex because of the resulting changes in costs. In cold wither the additional demand from tariff customers is met by supplies from thllow-cost Early Southern Basin Fields as well as the seasonal and peak stage facilities while the increase in revenue from that additional demand me than offset the reduction in sales to interruptible customers. It is difficult to ssess the effect of weather on profits in any particular year because of its intraction with everal factors such as the mix of supplies, the pattern of sales and consumer behaviour. However, it is estimated that in the year ended 31st Mach, 1986 the operating profit increased by about £100 million as a result - of the cold weather, both on a CCA and on an HCA basis.

Turnover

Tota turnover showed year-on-year growth of 14, 10, 8 and 11 per cent. during the five years under review. In each of those years the gas supply business ecounted for more than 90 per cent. of turnover and annual increases in the tunover of the gas supply husiness of 15, 10, 8 and 11 per cent, were achieved Increases in the average price per therm of gas sold accounted for 18. 5, 5and 6 per cent, respectively, while the difference was attributable primariy to changes in the number of therms sold,

Juring the period under review there were year-on-year increases in werage domestic prices per therm of 25, 5, 4 and 4 per cent. In the industrial market increases in average prices of 7, 5, 10 and 8 per cent. vere recorded, while in the commercial market they amounted to 14, 1, 5 and 5 per cent.

Therms of gas sold

The number of therms of gas sold increased by 11 per cent, during the five years under review. After falling by approximately 2 per cent, in the year erded 31st March, 1983 the number of therms of gas sold rose by approximately 5, 3 and 5 per cent, in the following years. However, Britisi Gas estimates that, if sales are adjusted to seasonal normal tempratures, year-on-year growth of approximately 1, 3, 3 and 4 per cent was achieved. During the five year period the number of therms sold acreased by 13 per cent, in the domestic market (accounting for 62 pr cent, of the total increase), 4 per cent, in the industrial market nd'I per cent. in the commercial market.

Cacosts

Thaverage cost per therm of gas purchased (including gas levy) rose from 12 per therm in the year ended 31st March, 1982 to 19.9p per therm in the ye ended 31st March, 1986, an increase of 62 per cent. The annual increasen this period were 14, 12, 16 and 10 per cent.

Conges in the mix of supplies, largely resulting from the decline in the proporm of gas taken from the Early Southern Basin Fields relative to the proporm taken from other fields, accounted for approximately one fifth of ... this lot increase in gas costs, equivalent to an increase of approximately 14 - per ceran the average cost per therm purchased over the period under review. . On theasis of the current projections of British Gas, however, it is expected that chiges in the mix of supplies over the next five years involving reductions in quarities of gas purchased from the Early Southern Basin Fields and from .. Frigg all increase the average cost per therm purchased by less than half this ... percetage.

he remaining four fifths of the increase was principally attributable to the orration of price variation provisions in gas purchase contracts. Through these price variation provisions, general inflation (as measured by the Product Price Index), increases in oil prices and the decline in the value of sterling against the U.S. dollar and European currencies contributed significantly to the increase in gas costs. As a result of the time lag inherent in the operation of the price variation provisions, the very substantial fall in oil prices in the first quarter of 1986 had a negligible impact on gas costs for the year oded 31st March. 1986.

(e) Operating costs

These comprise distribution costs and administrative expenses and principally include payroll costs and depreciation. They increased in total from £2,003 million in the year ended 31st March, 1982 to £2,401 million in the war ended 31st March. 1986 on a CCA basis, an increase of 20 per cent. On an HCA basis, operating costs increased from £1,768 million to £2,142 million, an increase of 21 per cent. The year-on-year percentage increases were 7. 1. 5 and 5 per cent. on a CCA basis and 7. 2, 7 and 4 per cent. on an HCA

Payroll costs in total, including the element charged to cost of sales, rose by only 15 per cent, over the five-year period while the number of employees fell by some 16.000 to 89.747 at 31st March, 1986.

Depreciation charges showed a steady increase during the five year eriod, primarily reflecting the expansion of the supply network.

During the five-year period British Gas achieved operating efficiencies id volume increases which are reflected in the movement in operating costs r therm sold in the gas supply husiness. On a CCA basis the percentage (reases/(decrease) were 8, (2), 1 and 1 and on an HCA basis the percentage :reases/(decreases) were 8. (1). 3 and (1). These compared with the reentage increases in the Retail Price Index over the same period of 7, 5, 5 at 6. The price formula applicable to the tariff sector under the new regulatory rime will give British Gas a particular incentive to continue to reduce orrating costs per therm in real terms in the gas supply husiness. While the pet success of British Gas in reducing these costs may be relevant to an assessment of the possible effect of the price formula, it cannot necessarily be regreed as a guide to the future.

(f) Replacement expenditure

British Gas charges replacement expenditure as a trading cost although a number of companies capitalise such expenditure. Since 1st April, 1975 Britsh Gas has charged the cost of replacing certain categories of fixed assets (pri) cipally mains, services and meters) against the profit and loss account, capitalising only that expenditure which represents an extension to, or a significant increase in the capacity of those assets. The table below illustrates hat the effect would have been on the HCA operating profit and fixed assets. fall replacement expenditure had been capitalised and subject to depreciation:

	1982 £ million	1983	nded 31st i 1984 £ million	1985	1986 £ million
ncrease in operating profit	186	213	230	238	243
umulative increase in net book value of fixed assets	289	502	732	970	1,213

In the current cost accounts the capitalisation of replacement expenditure would not affect the total depreciation charge nor the book value

Exploration and production

The exploration and production activities incurred losses in recent years as a result of the decision to continue with a full exploration programme after the divestment of the oil-producing interests of British Gas.

Taxation

British Gas is subject to United Kingdom corporation tax, the statutory rates of which for the last five financial years were 52 per cent. for the years ended 31st March, 1982 and 1983, 50 per cent. for the year ended 31st March, 1984, 45 per cent. for the year ended 31st March, 1985 and 40 per cent. for the year ended 31st March, 1986. The rate for the year ending 31st March, 1987 has been set at 35 per cent. The rates of capital allowances have also been reduced in recent years. For capital expenditure incurred on eligible plant and machinery, the capital allowances available in the year of acquisition were 100 per cent. up to 13th March, 1984, 75 per cent. up to 31st March, 1985 and 50 per cent. in the year ended 31st March, 1986. The current rate is

During the earlier years of the period under review the effective rates of corporation tax payable by British Gas on HCA profits (the basis on which corporation tax is assessed) were substantially less than the statutory rates. This was because there was significant capital expenditure during this period when the rates of capital allowances were high. As referred to in Note 13 of Part A of the accountants' report no provision for tax deferred by capital allowances was required. With the reduction of rates of capital allowances and lower levels of capital expenditure, the effective tax rate on profits increased in the year ended 31st March, 1986 and, on the basis of current expenditure plans, it is expected that the effective rate will now continue at approximately the statutory rate. Nevertheless, timing differences on accelerated capital allowances are not expected to crystallise, and therefore no provision for

United Kingdom petroleum revenue tax ("PRT") at a rate of 75 per cent. is chargeable on a field-hy-field basis on profits from production of petroleum from United Kingdom and UKCS fields, after royalties (up to 12.5 per cent.) where applicable, and after various costs, production allowances and other adjustments. British Gas has not been liable to PRT to date in respect of production from its existing petroleum interests. Petroleum from its producing fields, apart from South Morecambe and certain small onshore fields, is exempl from PRT because the gas is sold to the Company under contracts entered into before 1st July, 1975. Expenditure on South Morecambe has prevented a PRT liability arising on that field to date and the first PRT liability on South Morecambe is not expected to arise until the late 1990s. although some provision for deferred PRT may be required in the early 1990s.

OUTLOOK FOR THE FUTURE

Profit forecast

Background to the profit forecast

In view of the seasonal nature of its business, British Gas normally generates all of its annual operating profit during the winter months and the results of the first half of its financial year usually show a loss.

The unaudited operating results of British Gas for the first quarter of the current financial year show a higher profit than for the same period of the previous year, but the 1986 results were affected by a number of exceptional factors (see Section V). However, when the performance of the business since 30th June, 1986 is taken into account, it is expected that the operating results for the first half of the current financial year will be broadly in line with those for the same period of the previous year and are expected to show a small loss on an HCA basis and a larger loss on a CCA basis. Both turnover and gas costs were lower than for the same period in the previous year. The fall in turnover, which was more marked in the second quarter, was almost entirely due to a substantial reduction both in the number of therms sold and in selling prices in the interruptible contract sector. Turnover in the firm contract sector was comparable with that for the previous year while turnover in the tariff sector was higher, largely as a result of colder weather.

The profit forecast for the full year reflects an expected reduction in turnover compared with the previous year. The turnover in the tariff sector is projected to be slightly higher than that of the previous year. For the year as a whole there is expected to be a very substantial reduction in the turnover of the interruptible contract sector and some reduction in the firm contract sector, although a modest recovery in the number of therms sold in the interruptible contract sector is expected during the second half of the financial

The profit forecast also reflects an expected significant fall in gas purchase costs (principally as a result of more favourable exchange rates and. to some extent, lower oil prices) which should offset the loss of turnover in the interruptible contract sector.

In comparison with the previous year, the operating results will benefit from expected higher production from the South Morecambe field. Operating costs will increase broadly in line with inflation after allowing for this year's reduction in pension fund contributions and despite the costs associated with the flotation. Additionally, the fall in gas purchase costs will result in the current cost working capital adjustment being a credit (thereby increasing CCA operating profit); in previous years the adjustment has been a charge (thereby reducing CCA operating profit). For this reason the forecast envisages an increase in CCA operating profit greater than the increase in HCA operating profit.

. The forecast includes the effect of colder than average temperatures experienced in the first part of this financial year but it is based on the assumption that seasonal normal temperatures will prevail for the remainder of the year. In comparing the forecast with the results for the previous year. the increase in operating profit in that year resulting from the colder than average winter should be noted.

Profit forecast

The Directors consider that, in the absence of unforeseen circumstances and on the assumptions set out in Section V (in particular that there will be average weather conditions in the coming winter), the operating profit, the profit before taxation and the profit after taxation for the year ending 31st March, 1987 are unlikely to be less than the amounts set out in the table below:

Profit forecast for the year ending 31st March, 1987

CCA		HCA
£ million		£ million
787	Operating profit	1,030
836	Profit before taxation	1.07!
442	Profit after taxation	677
7.2	I toll man man man	•

The forecast profit before taxation includes interest charges (payable from 8th December, 1986) of £86 million on the debenture issued to H.M.

Pro forma profit and earnings per share forecast If the new capital structure had been in place for the whole of the year

ending 31st March, 1987 (see Part B of the accountants' report) the related interest charges for the year would be £269 million. On this basis the pro forma profit before taxation, profit after taxation and earnings per share would

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CCA			HCA
£ million	·		£ million
671	Profit before taxation		884
362	Profit after taxation		575
8.7p	Earnings per share		13.9 _p

2. Dividend forecast

For the current financial year the Directors expect to pay a single dividend which, in the absence of unforeseen circumstances, is expected to be 4.0 pence per Ordinary Share net (equivalent to 5.6 pence per Ordinary Share inclusive of tax credit), payable in October 1987.

Subsequently, the Directors expect to recommend in content of the financial year an interim and a final dividend which will be troop by the late in March and October respectively. In the absence of control wait circumstances, the Directors intend to determine the establishment is reference in the profit after tax at current cost.

If the Offer for Sale had taken place at the beginning made of the conyear and the new capital structure had been in place introughous to Directors would have expected, on the basis of the profit becomes above, to recommend dividends totalling 6.5 perceiper Call and for the per-(equivalent to 9.2 pence per Ordinary Share included of the continuous notional dividends represent a gross yield, at the Offer of 621 the conapproximately 6.8 per cent. Compared with the pro-florest flowage and per Ordinary Share, they would have been covered 1.39 simulations and the cost earnings of 8.7 pence per share and 2.13 for as by the fact that the least earnings of 13.9 pence per share.

3. Business prospects

British Gas has always sold gas in competition with carbon facilities Directors are confident that it will continue to compete effectively in the

(a) Domestic market

British Gas has built up a very strong position in the impart of letters. market and in the foreseeable future it expects to remain the first time. supplier of natural gas to this market. British Gas bas ganted made to a 250,000 domestic customers in each of the lest three tigated of the lest three Directors aim to expand the market for gas further, both line and a part of the houses, by active marketing. A major element of sales are the marketing of sales are the sales are come from new installations of gas central hearing systems and limit on the will continue to use its appliance trading activity to promote the report to the domestic customers huying new or replacement equipment of the life in a heating. The main competition in the domestic market is the management of the competition of the domestic market is the main competition in the domestic market is the main competition. electricity, but the Directors expect that over the past few pasts but the maintain its competitive edge and that gas sales in the correction of the competitive edge. continue to show steady growth after allowing for the effects of the state of the s

(b)" Commercial market

In the commercial market the David my expect instruction of the comconsumption of energy as a result of general and the sum to be economy. In this market, where there is competition from place and the Directors believe that gas prices will, its general, be continued to the there is good potential for further sales grown.

(c) Industrial market

In the industrial market competitive pressures during the first first response, particularly where customers are able to imposible quickly (which is the and an alternative fuel. In the non-premium construct section of the locality of market British Gas responded to the reduction in all emiss of the talk pair by lowering prices to interruptible contract contamination for the contract substantial fall in therms sold; however, following the made there is a prices, some sales volumes have been recovered. Programme non-premium market are closely linked to movements in heavy the adverse as which cannot be predicted with any certainty. But it Gas was the adopt a responsive position in this sector with the forming along the majority profitable husiness. In this it will be assessed by the second gas costs resulting from the fall in oil prices to not be realised until the year ending 31st 6 arc

In the premium contract sector of the transfer of the premium position over the last year has increased competition by the transfer of the Toronto maintained its volume of sales with some readequation of the Toronto Toronto or Toro believe that the premium qualities of gas as a furl of the man to the contract of compete effectively and that there are good prostor a finishing the compete effectively and that there are good prostor a finishing the compete effectively and that there are good prostor a finishing the compete effectively and that there are good prostor a finishing the compete effectively and that there are good prostor a finishing the compete effectively and that there are good prostor a finishing the compete effectively and that there are good prostor a finishing the compete effectively and the compete effective effectively and the compete effective sector in the medium term.

(d) Competition in gas supply

In addition to competition with other field that a first that potential since 1982 for competition from a cross and "common carriage" provisions which allow them to the ast to the the British Gas supply network although no thire with his and of these common carriage rights. The provisions as the dealer of the common carriage rights. rights to third parties but retain certain sailiguatife for Book of the

The Directors are unable to assess the evient to mind the state of the will take advantage of the facility to sell gus directly to one and the continued Britain. Existing contracts for the purchase of the und the register of the new contracts to replace existing supplies as they deal he are about the deassumption that the Company will continue to meet a second for gas. If a substantial proportion of the gas company to a continuous sector were to be lost as a result of direct supply by the committee of would be a significant adverse effect on profit and a need to use a conrequirements to meet the lower demands. There also is that as a first effect arising from downward pressure on many that it is a transfer on the However, it is unlikely that common carry at Contract the carry before 1990 because of the lead time required to only a first and the and British Gas intends to compete the convey in the control of great

(e) Future gas supplies

British Gas has supplies under contract water, medicine to the contract years. The Directors believe that supplies under these contact to a concontracts currently at an advanced stage of negative for the last terms. producers should be sufficient to meet gas dertains to in the additional insome five to seven years ahead. During the new Fire years Birling Carry continue to negotiate for the further supplies of this network, To the first state demand forecast for the mid and late 1991s. There are a country to the potentially available to Europe with substantial advertible at the flow only already discovered but undeveloped on the UNCS, the Manager of the Arthur 17 the North Sea and further effeld. Subject to necessary got its mission in the British Gas intends to meet its further supply real research from a more than

(f) South Morecambe

British Gas has recently started to the history of the land development of the South Morecambe Fall. strategic significance as a source of supply 1, 777 from Notwithstanding the initially low levels of groups. a growing level of profits and cash flow to the past and additional

(g) Other business activities

The Directors recognise that there will be entered to the contraction of the contraction Company's activities by building on its existing street, and a particular to will be wider opportunities to use its expended in office and property of the production, where British Gas already has an experience of the data opportunities arise. British Gas will also have a second of the second o opportunities in areas where its existing technical good and an area condican be more widely exploited.

(h) Regulation

British Gas is not subject to proceed to of its current turbover. It is subject to make the formula it can retain the fit to the extent that it is able to be turbout the extent the extent that it is able to be turbout the extent that it is able to be turbout the extent that it is able to be turbout the extent that the extent that the extent the extent that the extent that the extent that the extent that the achievement of jurther cost to time, the Directors will aim to a over the next five years.

(i) Conclusion

The Directors recognise that the remaining of the constraints, which will follow the prompte of the constraints. wider commercial opportunities into the control account of the control of the believe that there are good prospects it in a dr. as a community of the business.

A. REMAINING GOVERNMENT INTEREST

Following the Offer for Sale H.M. Government will retain sufficient Ordinary Shares to mean share bonus entitlements. Where H.M. Government has more shares retained than are required to satisfy outstanding bunus share entitlements, it will sell those shares at its discretion after consultation with N M Rothschild & Sons Limited and British Gas as to the timing and the manner of the disposal. The Secretary of State does not intend to exercise any of the voting rights attaching to the bonus shares although he reserves the right to do so.

The Secretary of State will also hold a Special Share. This share, which may only be held by a Minister or other person acting nn behalf of the Crown, does not carry any rights to vote at general meetings but entitles the holder to attend and speak at such meetings. Certain matters, in particular the alteration of specified Articles of Association of the Company (including the Article relating to limitations which prevent a person owning or having an interest in 15 per cent, or more of the Ordinary Shares in British Gas), require the prior consent of the holder of the Special Share. Further details relating to the Special Share are set out in Section VII.

The Company has issued to H.M. Treasury an unsecured debenture of £2,500 million repayable in transhes from 1987 to 1992. This debenture is not transferable from the Crown. Further details of the debenture are set nut in Section VII.

B. COMMERCIAL RELATIONSHIP

Following the Offer fire Sale the commercial relationship between British Gas as supplier and H.M. Government as customer will continue to be on a normal customer and supplier basis. In the year ended 31st March, 1986 purchases of gas from British Gas by H.M. Government and other Crown bodies totalled approximately £150 million.

C. PETROLEUM LICENCES

Licences to search for and produce petroleum onshore and from the UKCS are granted by H.M. Government. Normally each licence details specific work obligations to be carried out by the licensee and contains provisions requiring periodic payments (and, where appropriate, royalties), controlling assignments of any rights under the licence to third parties, and giving H.M. Government the power to revoke the licences in certain circumstances, for example where a licensee has failed to observe the terms and conditions of the licence. The development of a discovery is subject to approval by the Secretary of State of a development and production programme including maximum and minimum rates of production for various periods. H.M. Government has power under the licences to control the rates of production. In the event of British Gas deciding to acquire or apply for further licence interests. H.M. Government would treat it on the same basis as any other private sector exploration company.

D. GAS IMPORT/EXPORT POLICY

In 1985, while British Gas was a nationalised industry, H.M. Government decided not to endorse a draft contract negotiated by the Corporation for the purchase of gas from the Norwegian Sleipner field. Subsequently the Secretary of State announced on 6th March. 1986 that British Gas would in future be able to import gas subject to the normal requirement for consent under the Petroleunt and Submarine Pipe-lines Act 1975 for the laying of pipelines across the UKCS and, in appropriate cases, the conclusion of inter-governmental treaties. British Gas has given an assurance to the Secretary of State that it will consult H.M. Government about its import plans as these develop.

Under the terms of UKCS licences all petroleum produced from the UKCS has to be landed in the United Kingdom unless the Secretary of State consents to landing elsewhere. On 6th March, 1986 the Secretary of State also announced that H.M. Government was prepared to consider applications for waivers of the landing requirement for gas on a case-by-case basis. In doing this it would take into account considerations relating to the security of the United Kingdom's gas supplies without any presumption that exports should not take place in present circumstances.

ATTITUDE OF OPPOSITION PARTIES TO PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

The policies of Opposition parties are the responsibility of the parties concerned. Set our below is a summary of recent developments and public statements which H.M., Government believes may be relevant in this context.

In its 1983 manifesto, the Labour Party stated that it would "return to public ownership the public assets and rights hived off by the Torles, with compensation of no more than that received when the assets were denationalised". When the Gas Bill was debated in the House of Commons on 10th December, 1985, the Rt. Hon. Stanley Orme MP, speaking from the Opposition Front Bench, indicated that a future Labour Government would reacquire the assets of British Gas. On 2nd October, 1986, the Labour Party Conference agreed a resolution endorsing a policy statement by the National Executive Committee. Inter alia this statement included references to the intention that the next Labour Government should take public utilities fully back into "social ownership". It also said that Labour would establish a British Gas and Oil Corporation. The statement included detailed information about the strategy for bringing British Telecom into full social ownership; British Telecom shareholders would be required to exchange their voting shares for marketable non-voting securities, or accept a return of no more than the flotation price. A resolution to acquire shares in privatised companies without compensation was rejected. No resolutions on public ownership of British Gas were adopted by either the Liberal or Social Democratic parties at their recent conferences, but in debates in the House of Commons on the Gas Bill. Mr. Malcolm Bruce MP indicated that Alliance policy would not be to seek renationalisation but to promote competition and introduce tighter regulation.



SECTION III REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT

A. INTRODUCTION

The supply of gas through pipes is subject to a regulatory regime, established under the Gas Act, which is designed to ensure that all reasonable demands for gas are satisfied when it is economical to do so and that gas suppliers are able to finance the provision of gas supply services. Under the regulatory regime there are detailed provisions to protect the interests of gas customers. With certain minor exceptions, the regulatory regime does not apply to the business activities of British Gas other than its primary activity of the supply of gas through pipes.

The Gas Act incorporates, with some modifications, many of the statutory rights and obligations which previously applied to the Corporation and, in some cases, its predecessors. The main new features introduced by the Gas Act are the appointment of a Director General of Gas Supply (the "Director General"), who is responsible for operating and enforcing the regulatory regime, and a system for authorising the supply of gas, subject to regulatory conditions. Unlike the statutory rights and obligations, the conditions of an authorisation can, in general, be modified without further legislation, so ensuring a degree of flexibility to cater for changing circumstances. Modifications of conditions may be made by the Director General with the consent of the gas supplier or following a reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission 1"MMC").

The regulatory regime as applied to the Company distinguishes between the tariff and contract sectors of the gas supply market. In view of the relatively limited scope for competition associated with gas supply to consumers who take small quantities of gas, the tariff sector has been made subject to certain regulatory requirements, particularly a system of price control. In the contract sector the Company is required to publish certain information on pricing, but otherwise is free to negotiate contracts, subject to general competition law.

B. THE GAS ACT

Under the Gas Act an authorisation is required to supply gas, except for supplies to premises using more than two million therms per annum. There are two categories of suppliers of gas to whom an authorisation may be granted. One category comprises those authorised by the Secretary of State to supply gas through pipes to premises in a defined geographical area, such suppliers being known as "Public Gas Suppliers"; the Company falls within this category and is the only Public Gas Supplier although there are procedures to authorise other Public Gas Suppliers within Great Britain. In the second category, the authorisation is restricted to the supply of gas to specified premises or classes of premises.

The Gas Act sets out a number of obligations for a Public Gas Supplier. Such a supplier must develop and maintain an efficient, co-ordinated and economical system of gas supply and, subject to this, must comply with any reasonable request for a supply of gas where this is economical. A Public Gas Supplier also has a specific obligation to supply, upon request, any premises within 25 yards of a distribution main (subject to a maximum rate of 25,000 therms per annum). These obligations are similar to those imposed on British Gas under the Gas Act 1972 but the Gas Act 1986 extends the specific obligation to supply to premises already connected to a distribution main (subject to the same maximum rate).

In addition, a Public Gas Supplier is required to meet certain salety requirements, to comply with prescribed standards of gas quality, and to charge for gas according to the number of therms supplied. In general, for supplies of 25,000 therms per year or less, there are requirements for the use of published tariffs as a basis for charging and these tariffs must not show undue preference or undue discrimination in their application. There are also requirements limiting connection charges for a gas supply. In addition to these obligations, a Public Gas Supplier must comply with a statutory Public Gas Supply Code, which includes detailed provisions relating to gas escapes, the maintenance of service pipes and the supply and maintenance of meters. A Public Gas Supplier must also comply with any directions given by the Secretary of State on the granting of an authorisation which prohibit the unfair commercial use of information obtained by it in the course of negotiations for any supply of gas to it. Such directions have been given to the Company.

The Gas Act also gives a Public Gas Supplier certain powers similar to those conferred on the Corporation by the Gas Act 1972. These include powers in appropriate circumstances to break up streets for the purpose of laying pipes, to purchase land compulsorily and to enter premises, as well as procedures for disconnection.

The Gas Act continues provisions to enable third parties to use gas pipelines owned by a Public Gas Supplier ("common carriage"). The Director General may specify the terms on which a Public Gas Supplier may be required to convey gas for another supplier when it has spare capacity or increase the capacity of, or otherwise modify, a proposed or existing pipeline to accommodate another supplier's gas. Any terms of charge for common carriage specified by the Director General must entitle the Public Gas Supplier to recover the proportion of its costs and return on capital, which reflect the use made of its pipeline system. The Gas Act also enables the Director General to specify the terms on which a Public Gas Supplier must make gas available to third party suppliers with common carriage rights, but this is only required when third party suppliers are temporarily unable to obtain gas from other sources and when the Public Gas Supplier can make gas available without prejudicing its own statutory and contractual obligations.

C. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

The first Director General, James McKinnon, was appointed by the Secretary of State on 18th August, 1986 for a three-year period. He was previously Finance Director of Imperial Group PLC and is a former President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland. The Director General is supported by a staff of about 20 at the Office of Gas Supply.

The Director General is responsible for enforcing both the conditions of a Public Gas Supplier's authorisation and the principal obligations imposed on it directly by the Gas Act. For this purpose he may make an order requiring compliance, which is enforceable in the Courts. Contravention of such an order by a supplier can result in liability for damages to third parties suffering loss. The Director General is also responsible for initiating modifications to the conditions of a Public Gas Supplier's authorisation, which relate to the tariff market, and for monitoring developments in the gas supply market.

Both the Director General and the Secretary of State have a duty to carry out the functions assigned to them by the Gas Act in a manner best calculated to secure that authorised gas suppliers satisfy all reasonable demands for gas where it is economical to do so and that they are able to finance the provision of gas supply services. Subject to this duty, the Director General and the Secretary of State must exercise their functions in a way which protects the interests of gas consumers (in respect of the prices charged and the other terms of supply, the continuity of supply and the quality of the gas supply services provided); promotes efficiency and economy in gas supply; encourages the efficient use of gas; protects the public from danger; and enables effective competition for supplies exceeding 25,000 therms per annum. They must also take particular account of certain needs of the elderly and the disabled in respect of the quality of the gas supply services provided.

The Director General is independent of the Secretary of State. In certain limited circumstances the Secretary of State may give general directions to the Director General, who may only be removed from office on grounds of incapacity or misbehaviour.

D. THE GAS CONSUMERS' COUNCIL

The Gas Act also creates a new Gas Consumers' Council which replaces the former National and Regional Gas Consumers' Councils. The new Council is an independent body, whose main function is the investigation of complaints; it may also give advice to the Director General on matters relating to tariff customers.

E. THE AUTHORISATION

Since 24th August, 1986 the Company has been authorised as a Public Gas Supplier to supply gas to any premises within Great Britain. The Authorisation, which is publicly available, imposes the requirements mentioned below, in the form of conditions

The Company is required to take all reasonable steps in setting its prices for tariff customers to secure that in each financial year the average price does not exceed a maximum determined by a price formula. The price formula, which is summarised in Part F below, comes into effect on 1st April, 1987. Until then tariff prices may not be increased.

Although standing charges for tariff customers are part of the maximum average price subject to control by the price formula, the Authorisation also requires that standing charges should not be increased by more than the cumulative percentage increase in the Retail Price Index from the base level in December 1985 while the price formula is in operation.

The Company is required by the Authorisation to publish separate accounts for its gas supply business. The basis of allocation of any revenue, costs, assets and liabilities between gas supply and the other business activities must be reported to the Director General and bis approval sought for any changes.

The Company is also required to publish certain other information. This includes publication of a schedule of maximum prices for gas supplied in the contract sector and of a statement relating to its pricing policy in that sector; information concerning the arrangements for common carriage and back-up supplies, giving examples of the prices which would be charged for common carriage; codes of practice for tariff gas supplies and payment of bills; a summary of the principles by which charges for new connections are set; and information on the efficient use of gas.

Other requirements of the Authorisation cover the provision of an emergency service to receive reports of gas escapes; special services for the elderly and the disabled; the provision of information to the Director General and Gas Consumers' Council; and payment of an annual fee to the Secretary of State to cover the costs of regulation.

The conditions of the Authorisation may be modified at any time by agreement between the Company and the Director General, unless the Secretary of State objects. The Director General may also refer to the MMC at any time matters relating to the supply of gas to tartiff customers and may propose modifications of the cooditions of the Authorisation which, in his opinion, could remedy or prevent the effects specified in the reference which are or may be adverse to the public interest. The MMC is then required to determine whether these matters operate, or may be expected to operate, against the public interest and in so doing the MMC must have regard to the duties of the Secretary of State and the Director General. If the MMC considers that such a matter may operate against the public interest and proposes modifications to the conditions of the Authorisation, the Director General must then make the modifications which he believes to be necessary to remedy or prevent the adverse effects identified by the MMC.

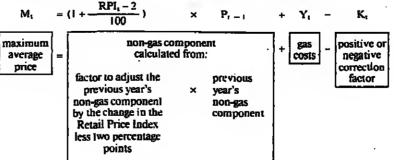
The Company does not have any right to require a modification of the conditions of the Authorisation. However, it can request the disapplication of the price control condition with effect from a date not earlier than 1st April, 1992. If it does so, the price control condition will cease to apply unless a reference to the MMC is made by the Director General and the MMC concludes that the cessation of the condition in whole or in part would or might be expected to operate against the public interest.

The Director General does not have the power to refer to the MMC matters relating to gas supply to contract customers. The contract sector is subject to general competition law. If any reference to the MMC under that law results in an order being made by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry in relation to the supply of gas to contract or tariff customers, he may also modify the conditions of the Authorisation to give effect to the order.

The Authorisation runs for a minimum period of 25 years and may be terminated thereafter by the Secretary of State, provided at least ten years' prior notice has been given. The Authorisation could, however, be revoked before its expiry on various specified grounds including insolvency, cessation of business, non-compliance with enforcement orders made by the Director General and non-compliance with orders issued by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry under certain provisions of

F. PRICE FORMULA

The price formula, which only applies in the tariff sector, is set out below:



where M

M_t = the maximum average price per therm in year t; RPI_t = the percentage change in the Retail Price Index by

t = the percentage change in the Retail Price Index between that for October in year I and that for the preceding October;

P_{v1} = the non-gas component of the price per therm in the prior financial year. t-1;

financial year. t-1;

the gas cost per therm in year t;

 the correction factor per therm to be made in year 1 (the correction factor will be positive if in year 1-1 the actual price charged exceeded the maximum determined by the formula, negative if the actual price was lower than the maximum);

and where I represents the relevant financial year.

The broad effect of the formula is to divide the maximum price per therm in wo key components, one relating to the cost of gas, and the other a non-gas componed

The gas component (denoted by Y in the formulal is effectively the avec cos in pence per therm to the Company of obtaining gas. The major part comprises ment by the Company to its suppliers. For gas produced by the Company itself therice is deemed to be the market price as determined by the Inland Revenue forkation purposes. The Authorisation also provides for certain other costs to be included as the gas levy and capacity charges. Prepayments under take-or-pay arrangements are generally included in the gas costs component in the year in which delivery odrs.

The non-gas component (denoted by P in the formulal is an amount in fice pot therm, changes in which are limited to the change in the Retail Price Index's two percentage points (RPI—2). The starting point for the non-gas component use in the determination of the maximum price for the first year of the formula's operain, the year commencing 1st April, 1987, will be equal to the average tariff price in their financial year less the average cost of gas in the current financial year.

An important feature of the price formula is that it sets the maximum are for each financial year by reference to the gas cost and the Retail Price Index in the year in setting its price, therefore, the Company needs to forecast the component of the price formula for the year ahead. Because forecast and out-turn are unlikely to because the same, the price formula incorporates a third component, the correction factor (denoted by K in the formula). The correction factor allows for any under or overcharging in one year to be corrected subsequently. After the end of each flancil year, if the average price actually charged by the Company in that year differs form to maximum calculated according to the price formula, a correction corresponding to the difference is made in the calculation of the maximum for the next year after halong two adjustments. First, there is an addition to the correction representing fixed interest on the amount of the correction, at a market rate, in the case where theoric is less than the maximum, or at three per cent, above the market rate in the case where the price is in excess of the maximum. Secondly, an adjustment is made to take account of any change in the number of therms supplied from one year to the next.

The Authorisation provides for involvement by the Director General if tere are significant errors in forecasting. If the average price actually clarged exceeds the maximum determined by the formula by more than four per cent of the maximum price, the Director General must be given an explanation by the Company and mus be satisfied that a further excess is not likely before the Company is allowed to increae its prices in the next year. If the excess in one year added to the excess in the next ear comes to more than five per cent. of the maximum average price in the tecond of the two years, the Director General may intervene to set prices in the third year at a level which in his judgement would be unlikely to exceed the maximum average price in that year. Finally, if the average price actually charged is lower than the maximum by ton per cent, in each of two successive years, the Director General may limit the orrection carried forward to the following year to ten per cent.



The following is the text of a report from Price Waterhouse, the reporting accountants:

The Secretary of State for Energy
The Directors, British Gas plc
The Directors, N M Rothschild & Sons Limited
The Directors, Kleinwort Benson Limited

Southwark Tov's 32 London Bridge Stet Leadon SEI Y 21st November, 86

Gentlemen.

British Gas plc (the "Company") was incorporated on 1st April, 196 and nee that date has not prepared any financial statements for presentation to barehders and has not declared or paid any dividends. The Company did not trad unti24th August, 1986, at which date the property, rights and liabilities (other thatthe ritish Gas 3% Guaranteed Stock, 1990-95) of the British Gas Corporation veled n the Company.

We have audited the financial statements of the British Gas Corporal and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the five years ended 31st March, 1986. Thenecial information set out in Part A below has been based on these financial statements after making such adjustments as we consider appropriate and has been prepay under two conventions: the current cost convention described in Statement of and are Accounting Practice Number 16 and the historical cost convention. Our works been carried out in accordance with the Auditing Guideline "Prospectuses and the jorung accountant".

In our opinion the financial information set out in Part A gives a true d fair view of the profit and source and application of funds of the Group for each ode five years ended 31st March, 1986 and of the state of affairs of the Group at the end each of these years under the current cost coavention and the historical cost convents.

No financial statements of the Group bave been audited for any triod subsequent to 31st March, 1986.

The pro forma financial information for the year ended 31st March, 1986, hich incorporates the effect of implementing the new capital structure of British Gase, is set out in Part B below. In our opinion this pro forma financial information habeen properly prepared on the basis set out in the notes thereto.

A. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The information in this Part has been prepared using the accounting pocies adopted currently by British Gas ple and by the Group in its financial statement for the years ended 31st March, 1985 and 1986. These policies differ in certain resects from those which were applied by the Group in financial statements of earlier pars. Adjustments have been made to the profits and not assets shown by previously published financial statements in order to apply policies consistently throughout the five tars ended 31st March, 1986. In addition, adjustments have been made to eliminate the results, assets and liabilities (other than certain residual balances) of the oil inteests which were divested in 1983 and 1984 without compensation. The adjustments which have been made to the results are summarised in Note (21).

Accounting policies

The information in this Part has been prepared under the current cost convention, in accordance with Statement of Standard Accounting Practice Number 16, and under the historical cost convention.

Under the current cost convention, provision is made in the financial information for the effects of specific price changes on the resources necessary to maintain the operating capability of the business.

The principal accounting policies adopted for current cost purposes are noted in paragraphs (a) to (i) below. These accounting policies apply equally to the bistorical cost financial information except as described in (b), (c) and (g) below.

(a) Basis of consolidation The financial information

The financial information consolidates the financial statements of the British Gas Corporation and each of its subsidiaries for each of the five years ended 31st March, 1986

(b) Tangible fixed assets

Current cost valuation.

Tangible fixed assets are stated in the current cost balance sheet at their value to the business, being current replacement cost less accumulated depreciation. Additions are included at actual cost, after deducting grants and capital contributions from customers.

Expenditure on the field development of gas and oil reserves is that expenditure incurred on tangible fixed assets following a decision to develop such reserves commercially.

The value to the business has been assessed on the following bases:

(i) land and buildings—valuation by the Group's professional surveying staff on § continuous basis,

(ii) regional mains, services, meters and storage—application of calculated industri

average unit replacement costs to the physical distances or quantities in use; and all other tangible fixed assets, including the national transmission system and field development of gas and oil reserves—indexation of historical costs using

appropriate indices.

The assessment of value to the business involves certain estimates being made.

These estimates may be subject to continuing revision in future years as more information becomes available.

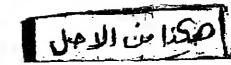
Depreciation:

The assets referred to in sub-paragraphs (i) to (iii) below are subject to straight line depreciation, while the assets referred to in sub-paragraph (iv) below are subject to throughput depreciation.

(i) Freehold land is not depreciated, but the gross value to the business of buildings standing thereon is depreciated over varying periods, depending on the type of construction, with a maximum of fifty years.

The gross value to the business of leasehold premiums is depreciated over the period to the next rent review. Specialised leasehold buildings are depreciated, over the term of the lease or fifty years, whichever is the shorter.





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) (i	The distribution systems and all other tangible fixed assets are depreciated at estimated useful lives. The depreciation periods for the principal categories of assets are as follows:	Consolidated histori	ical cost p	r ofit an		ecount			(3) Operati
i	55 years—distribution mains		Notes	1982 £m	1983 £m	1984 £m	1985 Em	1986 £m	
.1 ર	48 years—transmission pipelines	Тигночет	(1)	5.106	5.833	6.395	6.914	7.687	

43 years—national transmission system 40 years—gas holders and brick or concrete storage tanks

30 years -- service pipes

20 years-meters, metal storage tanks and plant and machinery

10 years—electronic and electrical control equipment 5 years-mobile plant and machinery, furniture, fittings and office machinery

Expenditure on the field development of gas and oil reserves is not depreciated until such time as production commences from the fields concerned. When production has commenced, the present estimated cost of the field developments, including estimated expenditure to completion in current cost terms, is depreciated on the throughput basis by reference to the volume of gas and oil produced each year from the fields, compared with the total estimated recoverable reserves of those fields. Both the estimates of recoverable reserves and the estimated cost of the completed developments are reviewed annually and the rates of depreciation adjusted accordingly.

Replacement expanditure:

Since 1st April, 1975 the Group has charged the cost of replacing certain categories of tangible fixed assets (principally mains, services and meters) as a trading cost, treating as an addition to tangible fixed assets only that expenditure which represents an

as an addition to tangune like assets only that expenditure which represents an extension to, or a significant increase in, capacity of its tangible fixed assets.

The replacement expenditure, historical cost depreciation and supplementary depreciation together represent the total current cost depreciation charge. Supplementary depreciation is that additional sum necessary to bring the aggregate of replacement expenditure and historical cost depreciation up to a full current cost depreciation charge and any change to the level of replacement expenditure is compensated by a movement to supplementary depreciation.

Historical cost:

Tangible fixed assets in the historical cost balance sheet are stated at actual cost, after deducting grants and capital contributions from customers, less accumulated depreciation (except as noted below) provided to write off cost over the estimated useful life of each asset.

Depreciation is oot provided on certain categories of tangible fixed assets (principally mains, services and meters) acquired prior to 1st April, 1975 because replacement expenditure, which represents the renewal of such assets, is written off when incurred. The asset lives outlined above have been applied in preparing bistorical cost financial information.

(c) Stocks

Stocks are stated in the current cost balance sheet at current cost less provision for deterioration and obsolescence. In the historical cost balance sheet stocks are stated at cost less provision for deterioration and obsolescence.

(d) Site restoration costs

Licensees of Uoited Kingdom Continental Shelf oil and gas fields are required to restore the sea bed at the end of the producing lives of the fields to a coordition acceptable to H.M. Government. Provision is made for site restoration costs, calculated field by field principally on a throughput basis similar to that used for depreciation. Estimates of such costs (based on price levels at the balance sheet date), which are subject to coosiderable uncertainty, are reviewed annually.

(e) Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation, in respect of accelerated capital allowances and other timing differences, is provided only to the extent that it is probable that a liability or asset will crystallise.

(f) Tumover

Turnover represents the value of gas sold (less standing charge rebates) which includes an assessment of gas consumed but not yet invoiced to customers, together with the value of appliances sold and services rendered.

(g) Current cost working capital adjustments

The cost of sales adjustment is the difference between the current cost at the date of sale and the historical cost of stocks sold. It is calculated by applying appropriate indices, to reflect changes in input costs, to average stocks of gas, appliances and installation materials.

The monetary working capital adjustment represents the movement in working capital attributable to changes in input prices during the year. It has been calculated using appropriate indices and average mooctary working capital during the year. Monetary Mworking capital comprises debtors and payments in advance, accrued revenue for gas, hire purchase and deferred payment accounts and sundry stocks, less trade and sundry

(h) Research and development expenditure

Expenditure on research, testing and development is written off when incurred.

(i) Exploration expenditure

Expenditure on exploration for gas and oil is written off when incurred.

Consolidated current cost profit and loss accounts

			Years en	ded 31st	March	
	Notes	1982 £ni	1983 £m	1984 £m	1985 £m	1986 £m
Turnover Cost of sales	(1)	5,106 (2.719)	5,833 (2,947)	6,395 (3,387)	6.914 (3,984)	7,687 (4,598
Gross profit Distribution costs Administrative expenses		2,387 (1,471) (532)	2,886 (1,545) (597)	3,008 (1,552) (621)	2,930 (1,607) (672)	3,089 (1,711) (690)
Current cost operating profit Net interest receivable	(2a).(3) (4)	384 46	744 59	835 74	651 61	688 94
Current cost profit before taxation Taxation	(5)	430 (187)	803 (231)	909 (154)	712 (188)	782 (380
Current cost profit for the year	(1 -1 2)	243	572	755	524	402

Consolidated current cost balance sheets

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	votes	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
£		£m	£m	£m	. £m	£m
Fixed assets Tangible assets	(6al	12.363	13,679	14.943	15.546	16,765
Corrent assets	m	. 159	. 183	182	188	176
Stocks	(8)	1.310	1.566	1.730	1,905	2,086
Debtors	(9)	511	708	739	758	939
Investments	(>)	24	17	33	30	25 .
Cash at bank and to hand		2,004	2,472	2,684	2,881	3,226
Creditors Jamounts falling due within one year)	(10)	(1.014)	(1.216)	(1,364)	(1,429)	(1,556)
Net correct assets		990	1,256	1,320	1,452	1.670
Total assets less current liabilities		13.353	14,935	16,263	16,998	18,435
Creditors Jamounts failing due after more than one vent)	(11)	(372)	[366]	(353)	(340)	(217)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	(12)	(191	(22)	(251	(29)	(35)
		12.963	14.547	15,885	16.629	18,183
Reserves	11421	12362	14.547	15.885	16.629	18.183

Notes	1982 £m	1983 £m	1984 £m	1985 £m	1986 Lui
(1)	5.106 12.641)	5.833 (2,888)	6.395 13.352)	6.914 (3.918)	7.687 14.539
	2,465 (1,257) (511)	2,945 (1,328) (570)	3,043 (1,340) (592)	2,996 (1,421) (644)	3.148 (1.494) (648)
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	743	1.106	1.185	992	1,100
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Consolidated historical cost balance sheets

			At	31st Man	ch	
	Notes	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
_		Lm	£m	£nı	£ın	£nı
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets	(6b)	3,439	4,045	5.002	5,665	6,050
Current assets		-				
Stocks	(7)	158	180	181	187	175
Debtors	(8)	1,310	1.566	1,730	1.905	2,086
Investments ·	(9)	511	708	739	758	939
Cash at bank and in hand		24	17	33	30	25
		2,003	2,471	2,683	2.880	3,225
Creditors (amounts falling due within one year)	(10)	(1.014)	(1,216)	(1,364)	(1.429)	(1,556
Net current assets		989	1,255	1.319	1.451	1,669
Total assets less current liabilities Creditors (amounts falling		4,428	5,300	6,321	. 7,116	7.719
due after more than one year) Provisions for liabilities and	(11)	(372)	(366)	(353)	(340)	(217)
charges	(12)	(19)	(22)	(25)	(29)	(35)
		4,037	4,912	5,943	6,747	7,467
Reserves	(14b)	4,037	4.912	5,943	6,747	7.467

Consolidated statements of source and application of funds

Years ended 31st March

	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Source of funds					
Current cost profit before taxation	430	803	909	712	782
Supplementary depreciation Current cost working capital	242	248	248	221	269
adjustments	71	55	28	59	
Historical cost profit before taxation	743	t,106	1,185	992	1,100
Historical cost depreciation .	96	107	117	139	162
Provision for site restoration costs	 2 .	3.	3 .		6
Funds generated from operations Proceeds from disposal of:	841	1.216	1,305	1.135	1,268
rangible fixed assets	7	7	12•	10	24
oil field interest (Note (9))				85	
Total funds generated	848	1.223 .	1,317	1.230	1.292
Application of funds					
Taxation paid	130	173	235	131	262
Additions to tangible fixed assets Increase/(decrease) in working	443	719	1,088	812	571
capital (Note (16))	321	97	(46)	9,3	267
Total funds utilised in operations	894	989	1,277	1.036	1.100
Movement in investments/borrowings					
lovesuments-increase	91	197	31	19	181
Baok loans and short-term	•				
borrowings—(increase)/decrease Credifors (amounts falling due after	(146)	31	(4)	162	(112)
more than one year)—decrease	9	6	13	13 .	123
Net funds generated/(absorbed)	(46)	234	40	194	192

Notes to the financial information

(1) Turnover by activity

Turnover, which is substantially all in respect of sales to United Kingdom customers, is attributable to the following activities:

		lears en	ded 31st	March	
	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Gas supply	4,678	5,379	5,919	6,396	7,109
Installation and contracting	182	211	229	236	275
Appliance trading	227	226	229	247	278
Exploration subsidiaries	42	14	41	58	94
Other activities	31	17	18	31	21
	5,160	5.877	6.436	6.968	7,777
Less: intra-group sales	(54)	(44)	(41)	(54)	(90)
	5,106	5,833	6,395	6,914	7,687

(2). Operating profit by activity

Operating profit is attributable to the following activities:

a Current cost:

· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					
•		Years en	ded 3 Ist I	March	
	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
	£m	£ne	£nı	Lm	£m
Gas supply	406	736	852	690	703
Installation and contracting	(21)	(9)	2	7	11
Appliance trading	(11)	(6)	5	9	12
Exploratioo subsidiaries	_	(30)	(27)	(61)	(43
Other activities	10	3.	3	6	5
<i>i</i>	384	744	835	651	688
b Historical cost:					
			ded 31st 1		.oor
	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
	£m	£nı	£m	£m	£m
Gas supply	698	1.074	1.118	958	1.006
Installation and contracting	(19)	(7)	3	8	13
Appliance trading	4	4	9	14	17
Exploranon subsidiaries	2	(29)	(25)	(58)	(39)
Other activities	12	5	6	9	9
	697	1.047	1,111	931	1.006
				====	

Income and costs are allocated specifically to the activity to which they relate wherever possible; however, because of the integrated nature of the Group's activities it is also necessary to apportion certaio costs between activities.

ting profit aling profit is stated after charging:

as follows:

		lears e	rded 3 Ist	March	
	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Gas prime materials(1)	1,739	1.847	2.261	2,830	3,376
Gas levy(1)	394	524	527	504	520
Salaries, wages and associated costs	1.042	1.104	1.147	1,179	1,202
Replacement expenditure(2)	230	264	287	303	318
Historical cost depreciation	96	107	117	t39	162
Research, testing and development ¹²⁾	64	67	70	69	76
Exploration expenditure	20	39	30	60	38
Leasing rentals					
Plaot, machinery and equipment	22	16	11	17	27
Other assets	14	22	24	33	21
Provision for site restoration costs	2	3	3	4	6

Supplementary depreciation Cost of sales adjustment Monetary working capital adjustment 50 Difference between current cost and bistorical cost operating profit⁽³⁾ 303 These are the principal components of cost of sales. Cost of sales represents direct

costs of product sales. Other categories of expenditure identified above are primarily charged to distribution costs and administrative expenses

Incorporates all costs categorised as replacement expenditure and research, testing and development, including an element of the salaries, wages and associated costs shown above.

As a nationalised industry, the Group was not required to include a gearing adjustment in the current cost profit and loss accounts for the five years ended 31st

The Directors' remuneration amounted to £0.4 million in each of the years ended 31st March, 1982 to 1985 and £0.5 million in the year ended 31st March, 1986.

Salaries, wages and associated costs comprise:

		Years e	nded 31s	t March	
	1982				1986
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Wages and salaries	783	835	878	910	929
Social security costs	78	72	71	66	65
Other pension costs	181	197	198	203	208
	1,042	1,104	1,147	1,179	1,202
	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
Average number of employees		103,300			
				_	

The auditors' remuneration amounted to £0.4 million in the year ended 31st March, 1982, £0.5 million io each of the years ended 31st March, 1983 to 1985, and £0.6 million in the year ended 31st March, 1986.

(4) Net interest receivable

	Years end	led 3 Ist 5	forch	
1982 £m	1983 £m	1984 £m	1985 £m	1986 £m
81	102	108	93	120
129)	(37)	(28)	(26)	(20)
(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)
46	59	74	61	94
	£m 81 129) 16)	1982 1983 £m £m 81 102 129) (37) 16) (6)	1982 1983 1984 £m £m £m 81 102 108 129) (37) (28) 16) (6) (6)	£m £m £m £m 81 102 108 93 129) (37) (28) (26) 16) (6) (6) (6)

(5) Taxation

		Years e	nded 31s	March	
	1982 £m	1983 Ens	1984 £nt	1985 £m	1986 £m
United Kingdom corporation tax	187	231	154	188	380
Statutory rate of corporation tax	52%	52%	50%	45%	40%

United Kingdom corporation tax is chargeable on the basis of historical cost profits. No provision for deferred taxation has been required in the five years ended 31st March, 1986. The net effect of these two factors, other than in the year ended 31st March, 1986, has been to reduce the effective rate of tax, when measured against current cost profits before taxation, below the statutory rate, as shown below;

		Years en	ded 31st i	March	
	1982 £m	1983 £m	1984 £m	1985 £m	1986 £m
Corporation tax at statutory rates on current cost profits	223	418	455	320	313
Effect on tax charge of current cost adjustments	163	157	138	126	127
Corporation tax at statutory rates on historical cost profits	386	575	593	446	440
Effect on tax charge of: Accelerated capital allowances and					
other timing differences Prior year and other adjustments	(171) (28)	(315) (29)	(493) 54	(30)	(86) 26
Taxatioo charge	187	231	154	188	380

(6) Tangible fixed assets a Current cost:

a Current Cost.					
		.41	3 Ist Mar	ch	
	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
	£m	£ın	£m	£m	£m
Current replacement cost					
Land and buildings	1,540	1,497	1.539	1,593	1,678
Mains	13,898	15,033	15,149	15,106	16,294
Services	3.263	3,453	3,557	3,363	3,430
Storage	1.314	1.511	1.621	1.691	1.892
Meters	723	827	1.062	1.095	1.135
Plant and machinery	1,588	1.840	1,998	2,229	2,396
Field development of gas and	•				
oil reserves	.266	496	1,208	1,580	1,901
	22,592	24,657	26,134	26,657	28.726
Accumulated depreciation				-04	
Land and buildings	532	443	475	486	488

	22,592	24,657	26.134	26,657	28.726
Accumulated depreciation					
Land and buildings	532	443	475	486	488
Mains	6.246	6,777	6.848	6.761	7,347
Services	1.509	1.574	1.593	1.494	1,506
Storage	871	929	753	671	772
Meters	330	389	505	508	518
Plant and machinery	586	690	809	950	1.038
Field development of gas and	300	070	903	2.30	1,030
oil reserves	155	176	208	241	292
On reserves					
	10,229	10.978	11,191	11.111	11.961
					•
Nei current replacement cost					
Land and buildings	1.008	1,054	1.064	1.107	1.190
Mains	7,652	8.256	8.301	8.345	8,947
Services	1.754	1,879	1.964	1.869	1,924
Storage	443	582	868	1,020	1.120
Meters	393	438	557	587	617
Plant and machinery	1.002	1.150	1.189	1,279	1.358
Field development of gas and					
oil reserves	111	320	1.000	1.339	1,609
	(2.363	15.679	(4,943	15.546	16,765
	14001				

		At	31st Mai	rch	
	1982 £ni	1983 £m	1984 £m	1985 £m	. 1986 £m
(i) Profit and loss account			~	~~	2,77
Curreot cost profit for the year	243	572	755	524	402
Balance at the start of the year	1,485	1,728	2,300	3,055	3,579
Balance at the end of the year	1.728	2.300	3,055	3.579	3,981
(ii) Current cost reserve					
Revaluation surplus for the year	708	958	555	161	1,103
Working capital adjustments	71	55	28	59	49
	779	1,013	583	220	1,152
Balance at the start of the year	10.455	11,234	12,247	12,830	13,050
Balance at the eod of the year	11,234	12,247	12,830	13,050	14,202
Total reserves	12.962	14.547	15,885	16,629	18,183
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The revaluation surplus arises from the revaluation of tangible fixed assets and stocks from an historical cost to a current cost basis. No provisioo bas been made for any tax liability which would arise if these assets were disposed of at their revalued amount. Working capital adjustments represent the effect of the cost of sales and monetary working capital current cost adjustments which are reflected to the profit and loss account.

b Historical cost:

£nt

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£m

578

63

1.237

1.310

Prepayments and accrued income falling due after one year are amounts in respect of gas paid for but not yet taken. Maturity dates are not currently determinable

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Deposits with the National Loans Fund included £84 million and £13 million at 31st March. 1985 and 1986, respectively, held in a non-interest bearing account, which

related to the payment of £85 million received for the disposal of the Wytch Farm oil

field interest and which was to be used to meet the tax liability and other costs arising from the disposal. The balance remaining after meeting these costs has been paid to the

Secretary of State for Energy. Similar amounts (£84 million and £13 million) were

(1)

Raw materials and consumables

Amounts falling due within one year:

Amounts falling due after one year.

as this depends un the demand for gas in future periods.

included in creditors (amounts falling due within one year).

Accrued revenue for gas

Finished goods and goods

Less: current cost uplift

Work in progress

Current cost

Historical cost

(8) Debtors

Trade debtors

Other debtors

Trade debtors

Other debiors

Prepayments and

(9) Investments

Deposits with the National Lnans Fund

Certificates of tax deposit

Money market investments

accrued income

Prepayments and

accrued income

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At 31st March

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At 31st March 1984

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(1)

	At 31st March				
	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
	£m	£m	£m	· £in	£m
(1) Profit and loss account					
Historical cost profit for the year Transfer to asset maintenance	556	875	1,031	804	720
account	(313)	(303)	(276)	(280)	(318)
•	243	572	755	524	402
Balance at the start of the year	1,485	1,728	2,300	3.055	3,579
Balance at the end of the year	1,728	2,300	3,055	3,579	3,981
(ii) Asset maintenance account				•	
Transfer from profit and loss					
account	313	303	276	380	318
Balance at the start of the year	1.996	2,309	2,612	2,888	3,168
Balance at the end of the year .	2.309	2.612	2,888	3,168	3,486
Total reserves	4.037	4.912	5,943	6,747	7,467
	Transfer to asset maintenance account Balance at the start of the year Balance at the end of the year (ii) Asset maintenance account Transfer from profit and loss account Balance at the start of the year Balance at the end of the year	(i) Profit and loss account Historical cost profit for the year Transfer to asset maintenance account (313) 243 Balance at the start of the year 1,485 Balance at the end of the year (ii) Asset maintenance account Transfer from profit and loss account Balance at the start of the year 1,996 Balance at the end of the year 2,309	(i) Profit and loss account Historical cost profit for the year Transfer to asset maintenance account Balance at the start of the year (ii) Asset maintenance account Transfer from profit and loss account Transfer from profit and loss account Balance at the start of the year 1.728 313 303 Balance at the start of the year 2.309 2.612	1982 1983 1984 1987 1984 1987 1984 1987	1982 1983 1984 1985 1987 1985 1987 1985 1987 1987 1985 1987

The purpose of the asset maintenance account is to identify the reserves retained within the business to maintain the asset base.

(15) Subsidiaries

The principal subsidiaries are listed below. These companies are all wholly owned and, nuless otherwise stated, are incorporated in Great Britain.

Gas Council (Exploration) Limited Hydrocarboos Great Britain Limited

Hydrocarbons Ireland Limited (incorporated in the Republic of Ireland)

The changes in working capital arose as loflows:

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	148 <u>2</u> 2ni	1985	den 3.815 1984 144		7284 207
Stocks—increase/(decrease) Debtors—increase	252	22 256	· ;	13	.:0) (e)
Cash at bank and in hand—increase (decrease)	411	471	15	N	151
Creditors (amounts falling due within one year)—(increase)/decrease	52	(174)	(227)	51	100
Total increase/(decrease) in working capital	311	97	.4-1	: - 43 	:

At 31st March, 1986 the Group had available £1,420 million and U.S.\$742 million in unused credit facilities from several financial institutions, included in trase facilities was a U.S.\$75 million standby credit facility with respect to the Group's U.S. commercial paper borrowings, on which commitment feet were payable on and zon funds. This facility was terminated in June 1986 when the U.S.\$ promissor, notes were repaid. With respect to all other facilities, there are no communicat fees parable on

(18) Commitments and contingencies

At 31st March, 1986 capital expenditure authorised and contracted for amounted to £117 million; capital expenditure authorised but not commuted for amounted to

Certain petroleum licences granted to the Group contained at 31st March, 1985 outstanding obligations to drill exploration wells, some of which were firm commitments and others contingent. The cost to the Group of drilling such walls was

Commitments under finance leases amounted to £12 million at 31st March.

Pension schemes for staff and manual workers, which provide defined benefits by reference to final salary and are self-administered, are funded to cover future pension liabilities including expected pension increases. They are subject to a full independent actuarial valuation at least every three years on the basis of which the actuary confiles the rates of the employer's contributions which, logether with commochans payable of the employees, are sufficient to maintain the solveney of the schemes.

The actuary carried out a full valuation of both gension schemes as at 1st April. 1985. On the basis of the assumptions made, the unfuneed past service intelligy of the British Gas Stall Pension Scheme amounted to £140 million. Contributions in excess of the employer's basic contributions, amounting to £86 million, were made to the year ended 31st March. 1986 towards the unfunded past service irability and the balance will be funded during the year ending 31st March. 1987. On the basis of the assemptions made, the unfunded past service liability of the British Gas Corporation Pension Scheme amounted to £15 million and this was funded during the year ended 31st March, 1950.

Oo 24th August, 1986 the property, rights and liabilities fother tour the Best-h Gas 3% Guaranteed Stock, 1990-95) of the British Gas Corporation vested in Patriol Gas plc. Since its incorporation on 1st April, 1986 there have been major changes in the capital structure of British Gas pic. These changes are described, together with their effect, in Part B. Pro Furma Financial Information.

(21) Summary statement of adjustments

The following statement summarises the adjustments made to previously published profit for the year in arriving at the emounts included in the consolidated

	Merch	
138.1	19.95	1425
ini Em	€19:	£10;
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72 755	524	2117
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- (a) The estimated useful lives of certain categories of fixed assets were entended in the year ended 31st March, 1985.
- (b) In the year ended 31st March, 1985, and following the change in asset lives need in (al. the Group reviewed its method of calculating deferred taxation. On the new basis the tuniog differences were not expected to reverse within the forescendle future. Accordingly, adjustment has been made above to release deferred taxation provided for the three years ended 31st March. 1984.
- (c) Pursuant to directions made under Acts of Parliament, the Group disposed of certain oil interests in 1983 and 1984 without compensation. Adjustment has been made above to eliminate the results of, and losses arising from the disposal of. these oil interests io order to set out in the financial information a consistent presentation of only the continuing activities of the Group.
 - Historical cost information was not included in the published financial statements for the four years ended 31st Murch, 1985. There are no adjustments to the published historical cost profit for the year ended 31st March, 1936.

B. PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Introduction

On 1st April, 1986 British Gas ple was incorporated as a public limited company, The Gas Act 1986 provided for the vesting in British Gas ple of the property, rights and liabilities of the British Gas Corporation, other than the British Gas 3% Guaranteed Stock, 1990-95 amounting to £214 million, the liability for which was transferred tu H.M. Treasury. The vesting took place on 24th August, 1986, although for accounting purposes it is deemed to have taken place on 1st April, 1986. Following the transfer. changes have been made to the capital structure of British Gas plc in respect of the capitalisation of part of reserves into ordioary share capital and the issue of an unsecured debenture in favour of H.M. Government.

We set out below pro forma financial information showing the results for the year ended 31st March. 1986 and the balance sheet at that date. The adjustments made to the results reflect the position as if the new capital structure hed been in place throughout the year and the adjustments made to the balance sheet reflect the position as if the new capital structure had been in place immediately prior to the year end.

Pro forma consolidated profit and loss accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1986

Unad- justed	CCA Adjust- ments	Pro forma			Unud- justed	HCA Adjust- ments	Pro Jorna
Lin	£in	£nı		. Notes	£nı	£m	£n:
688		688	Operating profit Net interest receivable/		1.006	_	1.496
94	(269) 46	(175) - 46	(payable) Gearing adjustment	f21 f3[94 —	(269)	(175)
782 (380)	(223)		Profit before taxation Taxation	(4)	f.100 (380)	(269) 108	831 (372)
402	(115)	287	Profit attributable to shareholders		720	(161)	559
		6.9p	Pro lorma carnings per Ordinary Share	(5)			15.5p

£m

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6,812 7,600

in aggregate and our estimates of remaining Commercial Reserves attributable to British Gas by field and in aggregate, on the basis of its percentage interests (shown to two decimal places) at 30th June, 1986.

British Gas plc continued

_	CCA		ed balance sheets at 31 st		,	HCA	
L'nad- justed	Adjust- ments	Pro Sorma			Unad- justed	Adjust- ments	Pro forma
£m	£m	£m	Not	es	£m	£m	£m
16.765	=	16,765	Fixed assets		6.050	_	6,050
3,226	-	3.226			3,225		3,225
(1.556)	(750)	(2,306)	Creditors (amounts falling due within one year) (6)		(1,556)	(750)	(2,306)
1.670	(750)	920	Net current assets		1,669	(750)	919
18,435	(750)	17.685	Total assets less current liabilities Creditors (amounts falling		7,719	(750)	6,969
(217)	(1.536)	(1.753)	due after more than		(217)	(1,536)	(1,753)
(35)		(35)	and charges		(35)		(35)
18,183	(2,286)	15,897			7,467	(2,286)	5,181
		_	Capital and reserves	٠.			
18,183	1,038 (3,324)	1,038 14,859	Share capital (8) Reserves (9)		7,467	1,038 (3,324)	1,038 4,143
18.183	(2,286)	15,897		•	7.467	(2.286)	5,181

Notes to the pro forma financial information Basis of preparation

The figures in the column headed "Unadjusted" have been extracted from the financial information for the year ended 31st March, 1986, presented in Part A above. Since 31st March, 1986 the capital structure of the British Gas Corporation, and

subsequently British Gas plc, bas changed as follows: (a) on 19th August, 1986 8,000,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each and the Special Share were issued for cash at par to the Secretary of State, increasing the ordinary share

capital of the Company to 8,050,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each; on 24th August, 1986 the liability for the then outstanding £214 million of British Gas 3% Guaranteed Stock, 1990-95 was transferred to H.M. Treasury, which assumed liability for the service and redemption of the Stock from that date;

on 24th August, 1986 the property, rights and liabilities of the British Gas Corporation, other than the indehtedness in (b) above, vested in British Gas ple; on 20th November, 1986 an unsecured debenture in the amount of £2,500 million was issued by British Gas ple to H.M. Treasury, for which oo cash was received.

The rates of interest and repayment dates are shown in Note (6) below, and on 20th November, 1986 the 8,050,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each were subdivided into 32,200,000 Ordinary Shares of 25p each, 17,800,000 Ordinary Shares of 25p each were issued, credited as fully paid, to the Secretary of State, pursuant to a direction given by him under section 51 of the 1986 Gas Act and, conditionally on the whole of the ordinary share capital, issued and to be issued, being admitted to the Official List by The Stock Exchange not later than 31st December, 1986, a further 4,100,000,000 Ordinary Shares of 25p each were allotted, credited as fully paid, to the Secretary of State by way of capitalisation of part of the sum standing to the credit of the Company's reserves.

In addition, as discussed in Note (3) below, a gearing adjustment has been included in the pro forma current cost financial information.

Net interest receivable/(payable)

The adjustments to the previously reported amount are as follows:

Elimination of interest payable in respect of British Gas 3% Guaranteed Stock, 1990-95 Interest payable on unsecured debenture (Note (6)) (275)

The interest charge eliminated above was the amount actually charged to profit and loss account in the year ended 31st March, 1986 in respect of the British Gas 3% Guaranteed Stock, 1990-95.

Gearing adjustment.

It is the intention of the Directors to prepare the accounts of British Gas plo under the current cost convention, in accordance with Statement of Standard Accounting Practice Number 16 ("SSAP 16"). Under this convention, provision is made in current cost accounts to allow for the effect of price changes on the funds needed to maintain the net operating assets. These current cost adjustments comprise supplementary depreciation and working capital adjustments. A proportion of the net operating assets of British Gas plc under its revised capital structure is financed by borrowings; the gearing adjustment, which is required by SSAP 16, reduces the effect of these current cost adjustments to allow for the benefit to shareholders of financing the business partly by borrowings. The adjustment is based on the ratio of average net borrowings to the total of average shareholders' funds and average net borrowings. For this purpose, net borrowings comprise not only indebtedness but also all other monetary liabilities and provisions except those included in the monetary working capital adjustment, less investments and other current assets, other than those included in the cost of sales and monetary working capital adjustments.

SSAP 16 requires that nationalised industries, in view of the special nature of their capital structure, should not make a gearing adjustment in their profit and loss accounts. Accordingly a gearing adjustment is not included in the financial informatioo

in Part A since that information relates to the Corporation and its subsidiaries.

(4) Taxation The adjustment to taxation comprises the tax relief on the adjustment to net interest receivable/(payable) outlined in Note (2). As with the other current cost adjustments, the gearing adjustment is not subject to taxation.

(5) Pro forma earnings per Ordinary Share

Ordinary Shares in issue and to be issued (see Note (8)).

The pro forms earnings per Ordinary Share have been calculated by dividing the pro forma profit for the year attributable to shareholders of £287 million and £559 million on a current cost and an historical cost basis respectively by the 4,150 million

(6) Unsecured debenture

The repayment dates and interest rates attaching to the unsecured debenture are

as follows:		
Interest rate	Assumed date of maturity 31st March*	Amount £m
102 11 114 114 1175 1176	1987 1988 1989 1990 1991	750 250 400 400 350
Amounts falling du	e within one year te after more than one year (Note (7))	2,500 750 1,750
		2.500

*The date of repayment of instalments of the unsecured debenture will be between 20th March and 20th April in each year, at the uption of H.M. Government. For the purposes of the pro forms financial information, it is assumed that repayment occurs on 31st March caeb year, commencing with the first instalment on 31st March, 1987.

(7) Creditors (amounts falling due after more than one year)

The adjustments to the bievings, tehering amounts are as a	0110
	£m
Elimination of British Gas 3% Guaranteed Stock, 1990-95 Unsecured debenture (Note (6))	(214) 1,750
	1.536

Share capital If the Offer for Sale becomes effective, the ordinary share capital of British Gas

Authorised 5.500 million Ordinary Shares of 25p each	£1,375 million
Issued and fully paid or credited as fully paid	£1,037.5 million

One Special Rights Redeemable Preference Share of £1 has been issued to H.M. Government, credited as fully paid.

Reserves CCA HCA Asset Current Profit Profit main and loss and loss COST tenance accoun £m £m £m £n 14,202 As reported at 31st March, 1986 Transfer of liability for the British 3,981 3,98 3,486 Gas 3% Guaranteed Stock, 214 1990-95 214 Issue of unsecured debentures and

ordinary share capital

Yours faithfully, PRICE WATERHOUSE Chartered Accountants

14,859

14,202

(3.538)

657

SECTION V INFORMATION RELATING TO THE PROFIT FORECAST

(3,538)

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4,143

Assumptions underlying the profit forecast

The profit forecast set out in Part E of Section I includes results shown by the unaudited financial statements for the three months ended 30th June, 1986 and the unaudited management accounts for the thirteen weeks ended 28th September, 1986.

The profit forecast is made on the basis of the following principal assumptions for the remainder of the year ending 31st March, 1987:

(a) sessonal normal temperatures will prevail:

(b) there will be no significant variation in the current selling prices in the United

Kingdom of heavy fuel oil and gas oil; and (c) there will be no significant variation in the sterling exchange rate against those currencies which affect the cost of gas under the Frigg contracts.

In addition, the following general assumptions for the remainder of the year ending 31st March, 1987 have been made:

(d) there will be no major interruption in the supplies of gas to British Gas or major damage to its pipelines or other facilities; (e) there will be no industrial disputes or political or other disturbances which would

materially affect the operations of British Gas; (f) there will be no significant changes in the currently prevailing economic

conditions in the United Kingdom; (g) there will be no change in United Kingdom legislation or regulations and no actions by the Director General which will have an unexpected effect on the

business of British Gas; and (h) there will be no material change in the current basis or rates of United Kingdom

2. Letters

The following letters relate to the profit forecast for the year ending 31st March, 1987.

(a) Letter from Price Waterhouse

The Directors, British Gas pic. Rivermill House 152 Grosvenor Road, London SWIV 3JL

21st November, 1986

Gentlemen

We have reviewed the accounting policies and calculations for the profit forecast of British Gas pic for the year ending 31st March, 1987 set out in Part E of Section 1 of the Offer for Sale document dated 21st November, 1986. The forecast, for which the Directors are solely responsible, includes the results shown by the ur statements for the three months ended 30th June, 1986 included in Section V of the Offer for Sale document and the unaudited management accounts for the thirteen weeks

ended 28th September, 1986. In our opinion the forecast, so far as the accounting policies and calculations are concerned, has been properly compiled on the basis of the assumptions made by the Directors set out in Section V of the Offer for Sale document and is presented on a basis consistent with the accounting policies previously adopted by British Gas Corporation

and now adopted by British Gas plc. Yours faithfully, PRICE WATERHOUSE

Chartered Accountants

(b) Joint letter from N M Rothschild & Sons Limited and Kleinwort Benson Limited

The Directors, British Gas plc, Rivermill House, 152 Grosvenor Road, London SWIV 3JL

30th June; 1985 and 1986:

21st November, 1986

Gentlemen,

We refer to the profit forecast for the year ending 31st March, 1987, which is set out in Part E of Section 1 of the Offer for Sale document dated 21st November, 1986.

We have discussed the forecast, together with the bases and assumptions upon which the forecast is made, with officials of the Company and with Price Waterhouse. We have also considered the letter dated 21st November, 1986, addressed to yourselves by Price Waterhouse, regarding the accounting policies and calculations underlying the

Laste Cabe Compains we consider that the Company for which you as

, we consider that the forecast, for been made after due and careful enq
Yours faithfully,
For Kleinwort Benson Limited
Rockley David Clementi Directors

3. Supplementary unaudited financial information for the three

months ended 30th June, 1985 and 1986 Set out below are the unaudited consolidated results for the three months ended

CC	A		HC	A
Three n			Three n	
1985	1986		1985	1986
£m	£m		£m	£m
1,537	1,549	Turnover	1,537	1,549
(991)	(852)	Cost of sales	(976)	(880)
546	697	Gress profit	561	669
(398)	(406)	Distribution costs	(341)	(349)
(152)	(155)	Administrative expenses	(141)	(145)
(4)	136	Operating profit/(loss)	79	175
20′	30	Net interest receivable		30
16	166	Profit before taxation	99	205
(34)	(72)	Taxation	(34)	(72)
(18)	94	Profit/(loss) for the period	65	133

and 1986 CCA HCA At 30th June At 30th June 1985 1986 £m £m £m Fixed assets 15,847 16,670 5,762 6,100 Tangible assets Current asset 198 197 188 Stocks 1,306 1,025 1.342 1,342 1,025 Investment 13 13 Cash at bank and in hand 2.542 2.928 2,541 2,927 11.121) (1,174) Creditors (amnunts falling due within one year) (1,121) (1,174) 1,421 1,754 Net current assets 1,420 1,753 17,268 18,424 Total assets less current liabilities 7.182 7.853 Creditors (amounts falling due after more than (340)(217)one year) (30)(36)Provisions for liabilities and charges (30) (36) 16,898 18,171 6.812 7,600

Set out below are the unaudited consolidated balance sheets at 30th June, 1985

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Commentary

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The unaudited results for the three months ended 30th June, 1985 and 1986 set out above show that profit before taxation increased by £150 million on a CCA basis and by £106 million on an HCA basis.

The increase in profit was mainly attributable to a lower cost per therm of gas purchased and to higher sales in the domestie and commercial markets, largely caused hy colder weather. The lower cost of gas primarily resulted from reductions in gas supplies from Frigg (fullowing industrial action at the field), which were temporarily replaced by supplies mainly from the lower cost Early Southern Basin Fields, and from the effect of more favourable exchange rates. These lower gas costs also affected the current cost working capital adjustments, contributing £43 million to the improvement in CCA profit before taxation. There was an appreciable reduction in turnover in the industrial market but turnover overall was slightly higher than for the same period in the previous year.

The results for the first quarter cannot be regarded as a guide to the year's results as a whole.



The following is the text of a report from ERC Energy Resource Consultants Limited, reporting petroleum consultants:

> 15 Welbeck Street London W1M 7PF 21st November, 1986

The Secretary of State for Energy The Directors, British Gas plc
The Directors, N M Rothschild & Sons Limited

We have reviewed the petroleum exploration and production interests of British Gas plc ("British Gas") as at 1st November, 1986 in connection with the offer for sale of Ordinary Shares in British Gas dated 21st November, 1986.

1 Professional qualifications

ERC Energy Resource Consultants Limited ("ERC") is an independent consultancy, specialising in petroleum reservoir evaluation. Except for the provision of professional services on a fee basis, ERC has no commercial arrangement with any person or company involved to the offer for sale.

2 Introduction

We have relied solely on information made available to us by British Gas which comprised details of its licence interests, basic exploration and engineering data. interpreted data, technical reports, development plans and reviews of the performance

In estimating petroleum in place and recoverable petroleum we have used the standard techniques of petroleum evaluation. There is uncertainty inherent in the measurement and interpretation of basic data. We have estimated the degree of this uncertainty and have used statistical methods to calculate the range of petroleum initially in place or recoverable.

3 Definitions "Proven", in relation to quantities of petroleum, means the amount thereof which geophysical, geological and engineering data indicate to be in place or recoverable (as the case may be) to a high degree of certainty. For the purposes of this definition, there is a 90 per cent, chance that the actual quantity will be more than the amount estimated as Proven and a 10 per cent, chance that it will be less.

"Probable", in relation to quantities of petroleum, means the amount thereof which geophysical, geological and engineering data indicate to be in place or recoverable (as the case may be) but with a greater element of risk than in the case of Proveo. For the purposes of this definition, there is a 50 per cent. chance that the actual quantity will be more than the amount estimated as Proven + Probable and a 50 per cent. chance that it will be less. "Possible", in relation to quancities of petroleum, means the amount thereof

which geophysical, geological and engineering data indicate to be in place or recoverable (as the case may be) but to which a substantial element of risk must be attached. For the purposes of this definition, there is a 10 per cent, chance that the actual quantity will be more than the amount estimated as Proven + Probable + Possible and a 90 per cent. chance that it will be less. "Commercial Reserves" are those quantities of petroleum which we consider, on

commercially recoverable by present producing methods from fields currently in production or with government approval for development. "Potentially Commercial Reserves" are those quantities of petroleum which we consider, on the basis of information currently available and present economic

the basis of information currently available and present economic conditions, to be

discoveries for which oo firm development plan exists. "Technical Reserves" are those quantities of petroleum which we consider, no the basis of information currently available and present economic conditions, to be recoverable by present producing methods, so that production of such reserves would be expected to cover operating costs at all times but would not necessarily provide a

conditions, to be commercially recoverable by present producing methods from

commercial return on development costs. (For the purposes of the last three definitions above, present producing methods are limited to primary depletion or secondary recovery by water or gas injection and

do not include enhanced petroleum recovery techniques.)

"stb"	means stock tank barrel(s) measured at 14.7 pounds per square inch and 60 degrees Fahrenheit.						
"scf"	means standard cubic feet measured at 14.7 pounds per square inch and 60 degrees Fahrenheit.						
"M", "MM", "B"	mean thousands, millions and thousands of millions respectively.						

means liquid hydrocarbons which are sometimes produced with "condensate natural gas and liquids derived from natural gas. "ultimate" when stating reserves of petroleum, means the total amount of petroleum that would be produced from the start of production

to the end of commercial production. "remaining" when stating reserves of petroleum, means the total amount of petroleum which is expected to be produced from the reference date (30th June, 1986 in this report) to the end of commercial

In this report gas, condensate and oil Commercial and Potentially Commercial Reserves and production forecasts are confined to those quantities which are estimated to be available for sale. Technical Reserves are stated after appropriate deductions for fuel consumption.

4 Commercial fields

The following table sets out our estimates of total petroleum initially in place and total ultimate and remaining Commercial Reserves at 30th June, 1986 by field and

	.S.C 110R	XTII ECAMBE	LEM 4:	v <i>iELU) (i)</i>		(TIG IBLE ROLP) ()	ROJ	THE CO)T4L	ONSHORE OIL FIELDS (3)
	(jus (Bud	Condensate (M <u>M</u> bbl)	Gas (Bsc)	Condensate (MMbbl)	Gus (Bscf)	Condensate (31.3194)	Gas (BL)	Condensate (MMHH)	Jids (BScj)	Condensate (M34bbl)	(3) <u>(3)</u>
Petroleum initially in place Proven Proven+Probable Proven+Probable+Possible	4.590 5.410 6.360	=	6.690 7,350 7,940	=	2,700 2,920 3,160	Ξ	327 389 438	=	14.307 16,069 17,898	Ξ	42.3 55.8 75.0
Ultimate Commercial Reserv Proven Proven+Probable Proven+Probable+Possible	7es 3.647 4.371 5,215	10.94 17.48 26.08	5,265 5,784 6,248	3.88 4.24 4.57	2.584 2.795 3,025	5.43 5.82 6.25	297 354 400	2.15 2.46 2.71	11.793 13.304 14.888	22.40 30.00 39.61 .	8 <u>.2</u> 13.3 18,4
Production to 30th June, 1986	20	0.08	3,961	2.95	1,795	3.95	156	1.37	5,932	8.35	0.6
Remaining Commercial Rese Proven Proven+Probable Proven+Probable+Possible	3.627 4.351 5.195	10.86 17.40 26.00	1,304 1,823 2,287	0.93 1.29 1.62	789 1,000 1,230	1.48 1.87 2.30	141 198 244	0.78 1.09 1.34	5.861 7.372 8.956	14.05 21.65 31.26	7.6 12.7 17.7
British Gas Interest (%)	1	00	2	8.98	3	0.77	I.	00			variou
Remaining Commercial Rese attributable to British Gas Proven Proven+Probable Proven+Probable+Possible	3,627 4,351 5,195	10.86 17.40 26.00	378 528 663	0.27 0.37 0.47	243 308 378	0.46 0.58 0.71	141 198 244	0.78 1.09 1.34	4,389 5,385 6,480	12.37 19.44 28.52	3.8 6.3 8.8

only, as explained below.

(2) Production for Rough is to the date of commencement of injection into the field on 14th July, 1985.

(3) Welton, Nottleham and Parleys Wood.

4.1 The South Morecambe field

The South Morecambe field is a faulted anticline. The reservoir cantains a dry gas entirely underlain by water and comprises the Triassic Sherwood Sandsinne Group, which is several thousand feet thick. Porosities are moderate to good. Primary permeabilities are generally high but the presence of illite severely reduces permeability in approximately 40 per cent. of the reservoir. The field is in be developed in two stages. At present Stage 1 is under way. By 30th June, 1986 the central processing platform and three drilling platforms had been installed and 11 development wells had been drilled. First production occurred in January 1985.

4.2 The Leman field (ELU)

The Leman field is a large faulted anticline. The reservoir contains dry gas in Lower Permian Rutliegendes sandstnnes, which vary in thickness between 550 and 930 feet. Phrosities are moderate to good: permeabilities are poor in moderate. British Gas has an interest in Block 49/27 which is a part of the ELU. The ELU covers that part of the field underlying Blocks 49/27, 49/28, 53/1a and 53/2. A total of 91 development wells had been drilled in the ELU area from nine platforms by 30th June, 1986. The field is now producing at declining rates. The reserve estimates other than at the Proven level are based on the assumption that additional compression facilities will be installed

4.3 The Indefatigable field (A/GC group)

The Indefatigable field is a heavily faulted anticline. The reservoir contains a dry gas in Lower Permian Rotliegendes sandstones, which vary in thickness from 50 to 420 feet. Two satellite structures are also included within the field area. Porosities are moderate in good; permeabilities are poor to good. British Gas is a member of the A/GC group which has interests in the western area of the field, in which a total of 32 development wells had been drilled from three platforms by 30th June, 1986. The field is still producing at plateau production rates. The reserve estimates other than at the Proven level are based on the assumption that six additional development wells will be

4.4 The Rough field

The Rough field is a fault bounded anticline. The reservnir contains a dry eas in Lower Permian Ratliegendes sandstones, which vary in thickness from 80 to 117 feet. Porosities are moderate; permeabilities are moderate in good. In 1980 British Gas purchased its co-venturers' interests in the field in order to use it for gas storage. Injection first began in July 1985 by which time a total of 156 Bscf or about 44 per cent. of the ultimate recovery had been produced. Since that date, production from the field bas been restricted to peak demand periods only. Net injection from July 1985 to 30th June, 1986 was 11.3 Bscf.

4.5 The Welton, Nettleham and Farleys Wood fields

These nil fields are situated in the East Midlands. The Welton reservoir comprises up to 250 feet of Carboniferous fluvial sandstone and shales with discontinuous secondary reservoirs. The structure is fault bounded to the east and dip closed elsewhere. Reservoir characteristics are good in the south of the field where oil flows naturally, but only moderate in the north where oil has to be pumped. All 18 development wells have been drilled. The Nettleham field is a dip closed structure situated southwest of the Welton field and has the same, good quality reservoir sands and similar light oil. The field will be developed by one well connected to Welton. The Farleys Wood field is situated immediately north of the mature Eakring oil field. The Carboniferous reservoir sands are of moderate quality and a light oil is pumped fram two wells.

4.6 Forecast production

Year's

1985/86⁽²⁾ 1986/87 1987/88

1988/89 1989/90

1990/91

1991/92

1993/94 1994/95

Average for the years 1995/96 to 1999/2000

Average for the years 2005/06 in 2009/10

Average for the years 2010/11 to 2014/15

Average for the years 2015/16 to 2019/20

Average for the years 2020/21 and 2021/22

The fallowing table summarises our forecasts of production of gas, condensate and oil attributable to British Gas by field and in aggregate on the basis of its percentage interests at the Proven + Probable level. The forecasts for gas are based nn assumed delivery patterns and, for the South Morecambe field in particular, these may vary significantly according in the severity of the weather during the periods of peak demand. The Rnugh field has been excluded from the table because nnly production of injected gas is expected in the faresceable future.

Condensate (Mbbl/year)

735

1.013

610

262

132

80

(Bsc//year)

54 (7) 53

SOUTH MORECAMBE

Gas (sc//vew)

18 (-L

184

253

FORECAST PRODUCTION ATTRIBUTABLE TO BRITISH GAS

(Mbbl/vear)

38 (5) 37

13

Annual rates (appropriately rounded) of production are given for contract years, from 1st October to 30th September.
 The figures in brackets represent production from 1st July to 30th September, 1986.

INDEFATIGABLE IA/GC GROUP)

(Bscftyear) (Mbblyrear)

69 (6)

37 (3) 36

34 28 38

There are also four dry gas discoveries in Rolliegendes sandstanes in the Southern Basin of the North Sea. One discovery comprises extensions to the Amethyst structure into Blocks 47/8a, 47/9a and 47/15a, where the reservoir is in thin, variable quality sandstones. The remaining three discoveries are situated in Block 49/29, where good quality sandstones have been discovered in two separate, small, fault and dip closed structures and also in the Welland discovery, which extends into the block.

In addition there are two dry gas discoveries in the Irish Sea in the Triassic Sherwood Sandstone Group: a domail structure in Block 113/26, where the reservoir comprises sandstones and shales and is affected by platy illite which reduces primary permeability, and a domal structure, fault bounded to the east and west, in Block 110/7a which has been penetrated by two wells and where the reservoir comprises sandstones and shales and permeability is high.

5.2 Oil discoveries

British Gas has interests of 25 to 50 per cent, in three small nil accumulations in the East Midlands

6 Other petroleum discoveries

Of the petroleum discoveries in which British Gas has interests, we have identified 14 which we consider contain Technical Reserves. Nine are dry gas discoveries, of which two are in Great Britain, six are on the UKCS and one is offshore the Republic of Ireland. Four are gas condensate discoveries on the UKCS and one is a conventional oil discovery in the East Midlands.

The following table sets nut in aggregate our estimates of total petroleum initially in place and total Technical Reserves at 30th June, 1986 and our estimates of the total Technical Reserves attributable to British Gas on the basis of its percentage interests at 30th June, 1986.

TECHN	TECHNICAL RESERVES					
		Proven	Proven+ Probable	Proven+ Probable+ Passible		
Total petroleum initially in place Gas Oil	(Bscf) (MMstb)	1,697 5.30	3,056 7.20	4,986 9,70		
Total Technical Reserves Gas Oil and condensate	(Bscf) (MMbbl)	1,033 61.73	1,914 106.83	3,144 171.20		
Total Technical Reserves attributable to British Gas Gas Oil and condensate	(Bscf) (MMbbl)	427 24.63	802 43.70	1,342 72.04		

7 Undrilled prospects

We have reviewed all the undrilled potentially petroleum bearing structures proposed to us by British Gas and, as a result, we have identified 22 undrilled prospects which, on the basis of geological and geophysical interpretations, we consider warrant drilling, as they potentially contain sufficient petroleum to justify development under present economic conditions.

We have identified one undrilled prospect in the Northern North Sea, seven in the Southern Basin of the North Sea, one in the English Channel, three in the Irish Sea, three offshore the Republic of Ireland and seven in Great Britain.

Yours faithfully

ERC ENERGY RESOURCE CONSULTANTS LIMITED

D C Wilson Technical Director



SECTION VII STATUTORY AND

GENERAL INFORMATION

A. INCORPORATION AND VESTING The Company was incorporated in England and Wales on 1st April, 1986 under the Companies Act 1985 as a public limited company with registered number 2006000.

On 31st July, 1986 a certificate to do business was granted to the Company under section 117 of that Act. On 24th August, 1986 the property, rights and liabilities of the Corporation (other than rights and liabilities in respect of British Gas Stock referred to below) vested in the Company under the Gas Act.

The Company's authorised share capital on incorporation was £50,000, divided

B. SHARE AND LOAN CAPITAL

ONSHORE OIL FIELDS

(Mstb/vear)

207 (79)

505 492 483

240

122

45

1. Share capital

(Bacijyear) (Mbbijyear)

179 (11) 228

382 358 453

764

1.024

615

262

132

109 (10)

155 140 168

211

265

159

20

into 50,000 shares of £1 each, of which two were subscribed at par by nominees of the Secretary of State. The remainder were issued to the Secretary of State for cash at par on 25th

On 19th August, 1986 the authorised share capital of the Company was increased to £8,050,001 by the creation of 8,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each and the Special Share, all of which were issued for cash at par on that date to the Secretary of State.

On 20th November, 1986:

- the 8,050,000 ordinary shares of £1 each were subdivided into 32,200,000 Ordinary Shares of 25p each;
- the authorised share capital of the Company was increased to £12,500,001 by the creation of 17,800,000 additional Ordinary Shares and the Directors were authorised and empowered, in accordance with the Companies Act 1985, to allot such Ordinary Shares to the Secretary of State;
- 17,800,000 Ordinary Shares were issued, credited as fully paid, to the Secretary of State pursuant to a direction given by him under section 51 of the Gas Act:

5 Potentially Commercial petroleum discoveries

We have identified ten petroleum discoveries in which British Gas has interests and where drilling has demnustrated the existence of Potentially Commercial Reserves. Seven are dry gas discoveries on the UKCS and three are conventional nil discoveries in the East Midlands.

The following table sets out in aggregate our estimates of total petroleum initially in place and total Potentially Commercial Reserves at 30th June, 1986 and nur estimates nf the total Potentially Commercial Reserves attributable to British Gas on the basis of its percentage interests at 30th June, 1986.

POTENTIALLY COMMERCIAL RESERVES

		Proven	Proven+ Probable	Probable+ Possible
Total petroleum initially in place Gas Oil	(Bscf) (MMsth)	2,378 2.10	3,050 5.24	3,808 13.82
Total Potentially Commercial Reserves Gas Condensate Oil	(Bscf) (MMbbl) (MMstb)	1,703 6.98 0.42	2,213 10.43 1.07	2,801 14.70 3.01
Total Potentially Commercial Reserves attributable to British Gas Gas Condensate Oil	(Bscf) (MMbbl) (MMstb)	1,174 3.48 0.18	1,466 5.54 0.48	1,797 8.16 1.26

5.1 Dry gas discoveries

The whally-owned North Marecambe reservoir in Block 110/2a contains a dry gas in sandstones and shales of the Triassic Sherwood Sandstone Group. The structure is separated from the South Morecambe gas field by a graben structure and is about a quarter of its size. Closure is completed to the east, muth and west by faulting and dip. Primary permeabilities are generally bigh but the presence of platy illite severely reduces permeability in approximately 45 per cent. of the reservoir.

and, conditionally on the whole of the ordinary share capital, issued and to be issued, being admitted to the Official List by The Stock Exchange not later than 31st December,

- the authorised share capital of the Company was further increased to £1,375,000,001 by the creation of 5,450,000,000 additional Ordinary Shares;
- the Directors were generally authorised, in accordance with section 80 of the Companies Act 1985, to allot relevant securities (as defined in that section) up to an aggregate nominal amount of £1,362,500,000, such authority to expire on 19th November, 1991;
- the Directors were given power, pursuant to section 95 of the Companies Act 1985, to allot equity securities (as defined in section 94 of that Act) for cash, pursuant to the authority referred to in sub-paragraph (e) above, as if section 89(1) nf that Act did not apply in the allotment, but the power was limited:
 - to the allotment of equity securities in connection with a rights issue in favour of the holders of Ordinary Shares (subject to such exclusions as the Directors may deem necessary to deal with problems arising in any overseas territory or in connection with fractional entitlements or otherwise howsoever);
 - to the allotment (otherwise than pursuant to (i) above) of equity securities up to an aggregate nominal value of £68,750,000;

and, in the case of (ii) above, the power was expressed to expire on the date of the first annual general meeting to be held after 31st December, 1986; and

4,100,000,000 Ordinary Shares were allotted, credited as fully paid, to the Secretary of State by way of capitalisation of part of the sum standing to the credit of the Company's reserves.

Loan capital

On 26th August, 1986, pursuant to a direction given by the Secretary of State under section 51 of the Gas Act, the Company issued a debenture to the Secretary of State acknowledging indebtedness in the principal amount of £8 million, repayable on 31st December, 1986 or, if earlier, on demand. The amount outstanding under this debenture was repaid on 27th August, 1986.

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On 20th November, 1986, pursuant to a further direction given by the Secretary of State under section 51 of the Gas Act, the Company issued a debenture in H.M. Treasury acknowledging indebtedness in the principal amount of £2.500 million (the "Debt"). The Debt is repayable in tranches in each of the sia successive years commencing with 1987, on a repayment date or dates between 20th March and 20th April The Section 1987, on a repayment date or dates between 20th March and 20th April The Section 1987, on a repayment date or dates between 20th March and 20th April The Section 1987, on a repayment date or dates between 20th March and 20th April The Section 1987, on a repayment date or dates between 20th March and 20th April The Section 1987, on a repayment date or dates between 20th March and 20th April The Section 1987, on a repayment date or dates between 20th March and 20th April The Section 1987, on a repayment date or dates between 20th March and 20th April The Section 1987, on a repayment date or dates between 20th March and 20th April The Section 1987, on a repayment date or dates between 20th March and 20th April The Section 1987, on a repayment date or dates between 20th March and 20th April The Section 1987, on a repayment date or dates between 20th March and 20th April The Section 1987, on a repayment date or dates between 20th March and 20th April The Section 1987, on a repayment date or dates between 20th March and 20th April The Section 1987, on a repayment date or dates between 20th March and 20th April The Section 1987, on a repayment date or dates between 20th April The Section 1987, on a repayment date or dates between 20th April The Section 20th April The April The first tranche is to be of £750 million; the second of £250 million; the third and fourth of £400 million each; and the fifth and sixth of £550 million each. The Debt is not prepayable. From 8th December, 1986, interest accrues on the transfers of the Debt at rates ranging from 10s per cent, per annum to 11s per cent, per annum and is payable in arrear at six-manthly intervals or on repayment of the relevant trancte.

British Gas 3% Guaranteed Stock, 1990-95

Under section 50 of the Gas Act, on 24th August, 1986 all the rights and liabilities to which the Corporation was entitled or subject immediately before that date under the terms of issue of the British Gas 3% Guaranteed Stock. 1950-95 vested in H.M. Treasury and accordingly were excluded from the property, rights and liabilities of the Corporation which vested in the Company. The Stock was renamed "Sea Eachequer Gas Stock, 1990-95". The principal amount of British Gas Stock outstanding at the time of vesting was approximately £214 million.

C. MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

The Memorandum of Association of the Company indicates that the Company's principal nbjects are to succeed to the property, rights and liabilities of the Corporation, to carry on; expand and extend the businesses of the Corporation and to carry on energy-related activities. The objects of the Company are set out in full in clause 4 of its Memorandum of Association.

On 20th November, 1986 new Articles of Association were adopted by the Company conditionally on the whole of the ordinary share capital, issued and in be issued, being admitted to the Official List by The Stock Exchange not later than 51st December, 1986. The effect of certain provisions of these Articles is summarised in paragraphs 1 to 6 below.

Special Share

The Special Share may only be held by or transferred in the Secretary of State, another Minister of the Crown, the Treasury Solicitur or any other person acting on behalf of the Crown. The registered holder for the time being of the Special Share (the "Special Shareholder") may, after consulting the Company, require the Company in redeem the Special Share at par at any time.

The Special Shareholder is entitled to receive notice of, and to attend and speak at, any general meeting or any meeting of any class of shareholders, but not to vnte at such a meeting. The Special Share confers no right to participate in the capital or profits of the Company, except that an a winding-up the Special Shareholder is entitled to repayment of £1 in priority to other shareholders. However, each of the following matters is deemed to be a variation of the rights attaching to the Special Share and is only effective with the consent in writing of the Special Shareholder.

- the amendment, removal or alteration of the effect of certain definitions (relating primarily to the Special Share) in the Articles, of the Special Share Article, nr of the limitation on shareholdings (referred to in paragraph 3 below);
- the creation or issue of any shares with voting rights, not being (i) shares comprised in the relevant share capital (as defined in section 198(2) of the Companies Act 1985) of the Company or (ii) shares which do not constitute equity share capital and which, when aggregated with all other such shares, carry the right to cast less than 15 per cent. of the votes capable of being cast on a poll at any general meeting; or
- the variation of any vnting rights attached to any shares.

Ordinary Shares

Dividends

The bolders of Ordinary Shares are entitled to the profits of the Company available for dividend and resolved to be distributed, in proportion in the number nf Ordinary Shares held by them and the amounts paid up on the shares.

Return of capital

On a winding-up, the balance of the assets available for distribution, after deduction of any provision made under section 719 of the Companies Act 1985 and repayment of the amount paid up on the Special Share and subject to any special rights attached to any other class of shares, shall be applied in repaying to the holders of Ordinary Shares the amounts paid up on those shares, and any surplus assets will belong to the holders of Ordinary Shares in proportion to the numbers of shares held by them and the amounts paid up on the shares.

Votina

Subject to the restrictions referred to in "Restrictions nn Voting" below, on a show of hands every holder of Ordinary Shares who is present in person at any general meeting shall have one vote and on a poll every such holder who is present in person or by proxy shall have one vote for every share of which he is the holder.

3. Limitation on shareholdings

The limitation on interests in voting shares of the Company, set out in Article 40 of the Articles of Association, is described briefly below

- For the purpose of these provisions, the expression "interest" is widely defined. It generally follows, but is more extensive than, the definition used in deciding whether a notification to the Company would be required under Part VI of the Companies Act 1985 and will generally include the interest of a holder of an Interim Certificate. Any person who has an interest in voting shares of five per cent. or more is required to notify the Company of that interest and is otherwise obliged to give notices in relation to interests in voting shares as currently provided in Part VI of the Companies Act 1985.
- If any person has, or appears to the Directors to have, an interest in shares which carry 15 per cent, or more of the total votes attaching to the relevant share capital (as defined in section 198(2) of the Companies Act 1985) of the Company or is deemed to have such an interest (in a case where the Directors resolve that they are unable to ascertain the position), the Directors shall give notice to all persons (other than persons referred to in (e) below) who appear to them to have interests in the shares concerned and, if different, to the registered holder(s). The natice will set out the restrictions referred to below and will call for the interest concerned to be reduced to less than 15 per cent. by disposal of shares within 21 days of the notice being given to the registered holder(s) (or such longer period as the Directors consider reasonable). No transfer of the shares to which the interest relates may then be made except for the purpose of reducing the interest to less
- If such a notice is given and is not complied with in all respects to the satisfaction nf the Directors and has not been withdrawn, the Directors shall themselves effect such a disposal on such terms as they may determine, based upon advice nbtained by them for the purpose.
- A registered holder to whom such a notice has been given is not, until the notice has been withdrawn or complied with to the satisfaction of the Directors, entitled in respect of any of his shares to which the interest concerned relates in attend or vote at any general meeting of the Company or meeting of the holders of voting shares, and those rights will vest in the chairman of any such meeting, who may exercise them entirely at his discretion.
- The Directors are not obliged to give notice to any person if they dn not knnw either his identity or his address. The absence of a notice in such a case and any accidental error in or failure to give any notice to any person to whom notice is required to be given will not prevent the implementation nf, or invalidate any procedure under, the relevant Article.
- Any resolution or determination of, or decision or exercise of any discretion or power by, the Directors shall be conclusive and binding on all persons concerned and shall not be open to challenge.
- The Secretary of State is not subject to these restrictions (although he will be subject to the target investment limit referred to in paragraph 7 of Part N of mis Section) and there are other limited exemptions relating principally to haldings of a trustee or fiduciary nature.

General

Restrictions on voting

- A member shall not, unless the Directors otherwise determine, be entitled in respect of any shares to attend or vote at any general meeting or separate class meeting or to exercise any other right conferred by membership in relation to meetings of the Company if he or any other person appearing to be interested in the shares has been given a notice under section 212 of the Companies Act 1985 and fails to give the Company any information required by the notice within 28 days from the date of the notice.
- A member shall also not be entitled to attend or vote in the circumstances described in paragraph (d) of "Limitation on shareholdings" above.
- In addition, a member shall not be entitled, in respect of any shares, to vote at any general meeting or separate class meeting unless all amounts presently payable by him in respect of the shares have been paid.

Record dates and unclaimed dividends

The Company or the Directors may fix a date as the record date by reference to which a dividend will be declared or paid, whether nr not it is before the date on which a dividend was be used. Any dividend unclaimed for a period of twelve which the deciaration is made. Any average alreading in a period of twelve years after having become due for payment will, if the Directors so resolve, be forfeited and cease to remain owing by the Company. No dividend on a share will bear interest against the Company unless the rights attached to the share provide otherwise.



"FIMBRA") and exempted dealers, but not members of Cheque and Credit Clearing Company Limited, their retail banking subsidiaries and certain other designated banks ("U.K. Clearing Banks")) are eligible to receive selling commissions from H.M. Government. Only shares allocated to successful applicants applying on yellow orange.

newspaper or green forms (excluding shares which represent a guaranteed allocation under the Customer Share Scheme described in paragraph 2(bxi) of Part A of Section IX below) will qualify for such selling commission. The amount of selling commission payable to each selling agent will be whichever is the lower of the two aggregate amounts

(i) the value of each allocation of such shares (calculated on the basis of the Offer for Sale price) resulting from successful applications made on such forms submitted to the receiving banks bearing such selling agent's stamp and VAT registration (ii) the value of each allocation of such shares (calculated as in (i) above) resulting from successful applications shown on the requisite claim forms submitted by that

Box No. 79, 2 Princes Street, London EC2P 2BD, on or before 31st December. Such selling commission will be payable to selling agents and, where applicable,

reallowable to financial intermediaries, on the relevant allocations at the following rates: (a) on any such allocation with a value of up to £10,000: 1.75 per cent. of the Offer for Sale price (of which I per cent. of the Offer for Sale price will be

reallowable to the financial intermediaries mentioned below); and

selling agent to National Westminster Bank PLC. New Issues Department. P.O.

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notice should be given under Mr. Evans' agreement varying it, as indicated above,

F. WORKING CAPITAL

G. UNDERWRITING

sufficient working capital for its present requirements.

The Directors consider that, taking account of available facilities, British Gas has

(i) invitations to apply under the Offer for Sale for, in aggregate, 3,230 million

Ordinary Shares, (the "U.K. Offered Shares") are being made on 21st November, 1986 to certain institutions (who may include U.K. Underwriters referred to below). Each such institution will be invited to

apply (or procure that applications are made by or on behalf of funds

under its management) for a number of Ordinary Shares in respect of which it (or each such fund) (a "Priority Applicant") will (1) be guaranteed

an allocation of 30 per cent. of such Ordinary Shares ("Firm Placing Shares"), (2) be provisionally allocated (subject to recall as set out in paragraph (c) below) 20 per cent. of such Ordinary Shares ("Provisional Placing Shares"), and (3) undertake to purchase the balance of such

Ordinary Shares ("Commitment Shares") if they are not otherwise

allocated in the U.K. Public Offer. Priority Applicants will receive from

the Secretary of State a commission of 0.5 per cent. of the aggregate value at the Offer for Sale price of their Firm Placing Shares and 1.25 per cent.

of the aggregate value at the Offer for Sale price of their Provisional Placing

(2) the Company (3) N M Rothschild & Sons Limited and the underwriters

named therein (the "U.K. Underwriters") and (4) the Directors of the Company, pursuant to which the U.K. Underwriters agreed to apply as

Priority Applicants for such of the U.K. Offered Shares as are not applied

for by Priority Applicants. The agreement provides for the Secretary of State to pay underwriting commissions to N M Rothschild & Sons Limited

on behalf of the U.K. Underwriters and a commission to N M

Rothschild & Sons Limited for arranging the underwriting amounting in

aggregate to 0.175 per cent. of the aggregate value at the Offer for Sale price of the U.K. Offered Shares. In addition the Secretary of State has

agreed to pay fees to the Brokers to the Offer for Sale.

(b) On 21st November, 1986 the Secretary of State and the Company entered into

the following separate agreements (the "Overseas Underwriting Agreements") in respect of offerings to be made in the United States, Canada, Japan and Europe

(the "Overseas Offerings") in respect of an aggregate of 795.5 million Ordinary

(i) an agreement with Goldman, Sachs & Co. and others as representatives of a syndicate of U.S. Underwriters (the "U.S. Underwriters") pursuant

to which the U.S. Underwriters severally agreed to purchase (subject to

reduction as provided below) 285.5 million Ordinary Shares (in the form

of American Depositary Shares each representing ten Ordinary Shares

("ADSs") and evidenced by first interim American Depositary Receipts).

The amount payable by the U.S. Underwriters in respect of the first

instalment will be the equivalent of £5.00 per ADS together with 7.5p in

respect of United Kingdom stamp duty reserve tax ("SDRT"), translated

into U.S. dollars at a rate determined by reference to the spot market

selling rate for pounds sterling in London on or about 8th December. 1986;

Underwriters") pursuant to which the Canadian Underwriters severally

agreed to purchase (subject to reduction as provided below) 170 million

Ordinary Shares (in the form of ADSs and evidenced by first interim

American Depositary Receipts). The amount payable by the Canadian

Underwriters in respect of the first instalment will be the equivalent of

£5.00 per ADS together with 7.5p in respect of SDRT, translated into

Canadian dollars at a rate determined by reference to the spot market

selling rate for pounds sterling in London on or about 8th December, 1986;

'Japanese Underwriters") pursuant to which the Japanese Underwriters

jointly and severally agreed to purchase (subject to reduction as provided

below) 170 million Ordinary Shares at the Offer for Sale price. The amount

payable by the Japanese Underwriters in respect of the first instalment is

to be translated into Japanese yen at the forward exchange rate ruling in

Tokyo on or about 5th December, 1986, for value on 12th December,

others (the "European Underwriters") pursuant to which the European

Underwriters jointly and severally agreed to procure, as agents for the

Secretary of State, applicants for, and failing which to apply and pay for,

170 million Ordinary Shares (subject to reduction as provided below) (the

where appropriate, at the relevant rate of

(iv) an agreement with Swiss Bank Corporation International Limited and

As compensation to the Underwriters for their obligations pursuant to each of

these agreements the Secretary of State has agreed to pay commissions to them

(or, in the case of the European Offering, to intermediaries procured by or through

the Underwriters) amounting in aggregate to 1.65 per cent. of the aggregate value

exchange) for the U.S. Offering Shares, the Canadian Offering Shares, the Japanese

Offering Shares and the European Offering Shares respectively (together, in the

case of the European Underwriters, with United Kingdom VAT payable thereon),

In addition, the Secretary of State has agreed to pay to the U.S. Underwriters, the

Canadian Underwriters and the Japanese Underwriters amounts equal to interest on the aggregate amount of the first instalment of the shares to be purchased by

them respectively. Such interest is to be calculated for periods of eight days (in the

case of the U.S. and Canadian Underwriters) and four days (in the case of the

Japanese Underwriters), at rates to be agreed between the Secretary of State and

the relevant Underwriters. The Overseas Underwriting Agreements also provide

for the payment by the Secretary of State of certain expenses incurred by the

Each of the Overseas Underwriting Agreements will become unconditional if the

The arrangements with the Priority Applicants and the Overseas Underwriters

provide that, if valid applications under the U.K. Public Offer are received in respect of more than 3,230 million Ordinary Shares, the Provisional Placing Shares

will be recalled from Priority Applicants and 40 per cent. of the Ordinary Shares

comprised in the Overseas Offerings will be withdrawn from those Offerings, and

the Ordinary Shares so recalled and withdrawn will be added to Ordinary Shares

available for the U.K. Public Offer. Arrangements have also been made with the

Overseas Underwriters under which Ordinary Shares may be withdrawn from the

Overseas Offerings to meet estimated requirements for share bonus entitlements.

The U.S., Canadian, Japanese and European Underwriters have agreed respectively to provide the Secretary of State with Ordinary Shares at the Offer for

Sale price for such purpose should their estimates of the number of Ordinary

contain certain warranties and indemnities in favour of the Underwriters by the

Secretary of State. The U.K. Underwriting Agreement contains, inter alia, certain

conditions and provisions for termination in the event of a material change in

relevant circumstances; if it is terminated the Overseas Underwriting Agreements

will also terminate. In this event the U.K. and Overseas Underwriting Agreements make certain provisions relating to fees, commissions and other expenses.

In respect of the Offer for Sale and the Overseas Offerings the Company has entered

into an agreement dated 21st November, 1986 with the Secretary of State and the

Directors and certain employees of the Company whereby (i) the Directors have

given to the Secretary of State warranties relating to the Offer for Sale and the Directors and certain employees have received an indemnity from the Secretary

of State in relation to certain liabilities under the Offer for Sale and the Overseas

Offerings and (ii) the Company has given to the Secretary of State a warranty in

relation to those parts of the offering documents to be used in the Overseas

Offerings which relate to the Company and has received an indemnity from the

The Secretary of State, the U.K. Underwriters and each of the Overseas

Underwriters have entered into an agreement for the purpose of ensuring the orderly marketing of the Ordinary Shares under the Combined Offer. It provides,

inter alia, that the U.S., Canadian, Japanese and European Underwriters will (subject to limited exceptions) confine their offers and sales until the end of the

initial distribution of Ordinary Shares pursuant to the Combined Offer to U.S.,

Selling agents (namely members of The Stock Exchange, licensed dealers, members

of the Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association

Canadian, Japanese and European Persons (as defined therein) respectively.

H. SELLING AND DISTRIBUTION COMMISSIONS

calculated by applying the applicable rates mentioned below to:

Secretary of State in relation to the Offer for Sale and the Overseas Offerings.

(d) The U.K. Underwriting Agreement and the Overseas Underwriting Agreements

U.K. Underwriting Agreement becomes unconditional.

Shares required be insufficient.

1. Selling commission

"European Offering Shares") at the Offer for Sale price.

(iii) an agreement with The Nomura Securities Co., Ltd., and others (the

(ii) an agreement with Wood Gundy Inc. and others (the "Canadian

(ii) an agreement (the "U.K. Underwriting Agreement") dated 21st November, 1986 has been entered into between (1) the Secretary of State

Shares and their Commitment Shares; and

(a) The following arrangements have been made for underwriting the Offer for Sale:

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- so as to make it determinable by not less than three years' notice; (ii) the agreements for the other executive Directors, with the exception of Sir Denis Ronke and Mr. Jewers, should be amended so as to be determinable by not less than three years' notice, such notice to expire not earlier than the relevant expiry date shown above; and
- the annual remuneration of the executive Directors should be increased to the

owing rates:	
Director	Remunerat
Sir Denis Rooke	£175,000
Mr. R. Evans	£115,000
Mr. C. W Brierley	£85,000
Mr. C. E. Donovan	£85,000
Mr. W. G. Jewers	£95,000
Mr. J. McHugh	£93,000
Mr. W.R. Probert	£83,000
Mr. A. Suraliffia	\$68,000

The remuneration of the executive Directors stated above is inclusive of Directors' fees.

The fees for each of the non-executive Directors will, with effect from the admission of the Ordinary Shares to the Official List, be at the rate of £10,000 per Had the increased remuneration described above been in force with effect from

1st April, 1986, the aggregate renumeration of the Directors during the year ending 31st March, 1987 would be £789,800. Sir Martin Jacomb, a non-executive Director of the Company, is also Executive Chairman of Barclays de Zoete Wedd Limited, one of the U.K. Underwriters referred

to in Part G of this Section.

E. EMPLOYEE SHARE SCHEMES The Company has established a profit-sharing scheme and a savings-related share option scheme. Certain provisions of these schemes may be amended by the Directors with the approval of the Inland Revenue, but their basic structure (and in particular the limitations on participation and on the number of shares that may be issued under them, indicated below) cannot be altered without the prior sanction of the

Company in general meeting.

Employee profit-sharing scheme (the "Profit-Sharing Scheme") The Profit-Sharing Scheme, which has been approved by the Inland Revenue under the provisions of the Finance Act 1978 (as amended), will be used in conjunction with the Offer for Sale as described in paragraph 3 of Part A of Section IX below. It may also be used to acquire shares in future years for eligible employees of the Company and its participating subsidiaries, to be paid for out of profits. In this event, the Company and the participating subsidiaries will make payments to the trustees of the Scheme who will use the funds either to buy shares in the market or to subscribe for them. The subscription price will be the greater of the nominal value of a share on the date of subscription and the market value of a share which, so long as the shares are listed on The Stock Exchange, will be the middle market quotation derived from the Daily

Official List for the second dealing day immediately preceding the date of subscription. The Directors will decide whether the Profit-Sharing Scheme is to be operated in any year and, if so, the proportion of British Gas profits of the relevant financial year to be allocated for the Scheme, which may not exceed five per cent. of the profits of British Gas (before tax and extraordinary items) attributable to its operations in the United Kingdom. It is not intended to operate the Scheme after it has been used in conjunction with the Offer for Sale until 1988 in respect of the year ending 31st March,

The maximum value of shares appropriated to any participant under the Profit-Sharing Scheme in any year may not exceed the greater of £1,250 and ten per

cent. of salary (subject to a maximum of £5,000). The Finance Act 1978 requires that shares appropriated pursuant to the Profit-Sharing Scheme must be held by the trustees for a minimum period of two years after appropriation, during which they may not be dealt with in any way except in certain circumstances such as death, reaching statutory pensionable age or redundancy. For the following three years the trustees must retain the shares unless a participant

instructs them otherwise and thereafter the shares may be transferred to the participant, All shares appropriated under the Profit-Sharing Scheme will rank pari passu in all respects with all other ordinary shares then in issue. Application will be made to the Council of The Stock Exchange for listing on The Stock Exchange of the shares issued

pursuant to the Profit-Sharing Scheme, While a participant's shares remain held by the trustees a participant will be the beneficial owner of his shares and be entitled to receive dividends and, through the trustees, to vote and to participate in rights and capitalisation issues and elect to receive

scrip dividends in substantially the same way as other shareholders.

Savings-related share option scheme (the "Sharesave Scheme") The Company has adopted a Sharesave Scheme which has been submitted to. and is especied to be approved by, the Inland Revenue under the provisions of the Finance Act 1980. To join the Sharesave Scheme, eligible employees of the Company and of its participating subsidiaries must enter into a Save-As-You-Earn contract ("SAYE contract") with Nationwide Building Society to make 60 monthly contributions of not less than £10 nor more than £100 (or such greater amount, not exceeding £150, as may be permitted by statute) and may use those savings to subscribe for ordinary shares in

the Company on the maturity of their SAYE contracts (five years after they commence Each eligible employee so joining will be entitled to apply for an option at a price per share ("Option Price") which will be fixed by the Directors but which will be not less than the greater of (i) the nominal value per share and (ii) 90 per cent, of the average market value of a fully paid share over the three dealing days immediately preceding the invitation to take up options. While the instalments are outstanding on shares sold in the Offer for Sale, market value will have to be agreed with the Inland Revenue. Thereafter, it will be determined by reference to the middle market quotation on The Stock Exchange. Each option granted will be over such number of shares as have an

aggregate Option Price not exceeding the total monthly contributions, plus the bonus payable on maturity of the SAYE contract. An option may only be exercised by the person to whom it was granted, or his

personal representatives, and is not transferable. In normal circumstances options may only be exercised within six months of the fifth anniversary of the starting date of the SAYE contract and while the participant remains an employee. Where, however, a participant ceases to be an employee of British Gas in certain circumstances such as injury, redundancy or reaching statutory or contractual pensionable age, he will have six mouths from the date of leaving within which to exercise his option. Where a participant dies before the fifth anniversary, the option can be exercised within twelve months of his death. If he dies within six months after the fifth anniversary, the option can be exercised within twelve months from that anniversary. In the event of the take-over, reconstruction, amalgamation or voluntary winding-up of the Company, options may be exercised within six months of the relevant event. In all cases of early exercise the participant will only be able to exercise his option

over shares having an aggregate Option Price equal to the contributions made and interest (if any) received under his SAYE contract at the date of exercise. Shares issued pursuant to the Sharesave Scheme will rank pari passu in all respects with ordinary shares then in issue, but they will not participate in any dividend

or other rights attaching to shares by reference to a record date preceding the date of exercise. The Company will apply to the Council of The Stock Exchange for listing of the shares issued pursuant to the Sharesave Scheme. The Directors intend to issue the first invitations under the Sharesave Scheme

in early 1987. Thereafter invitations may only be issued in the 30 day period following the announcement of the yearly or half yearly results.

Share scheme limits

The Profit-Sharing and Sharesave Schemes are subject to the following limits on the number of shares that may be subscribed for. not more than 550 million shares, representing ten per cent. of the authorised ordinary share capital of the Company on admission of the Ordinary Shares to the Official List of The Stock Exchange, may be issued pursuant to the

Profit-Sharing Scheme using funds provided by the Company and its participating subsidiaries; not more than 550 million shares, representing ten per cent. of the authorised ordinary share capital of the Company on admission of the Ordinary Shares to the Official List of The Stock Exchange, may be issued in the ten-year period ending on 16th September, 1996 pursuant to options granted under the Sharesave

in any year, not more than one per cent. of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company may be subscribed for by the trustees of the Profit-Sharing Scheme

using funds provided by the Company and its participating subsidiaries in any three-year period, not more than three per cent. of the issued ordinary share capital may in aggregate be so subscribed by the trustees or placed under option under the Sharesave Scheme (save in the five-year period following the establishment of the Schemes, when five per cent. of such issued ordinary share capital may be so subscribed or placed under option); and

in any ten-year period, not more than ten per cent, of the issued ordinary share capital may in aggregate be so subscribed for by the trustees or placed under

The limits referred to in (a) and (b) above, but not the percentages, may be adjusted in the event of a capital reorganisation.

Approved Share Option Scheme

The Remuneration Committee comprising all the non-executive Directors, which is referred to in Part D of this Section, will give consideration to the introduction of an Approved Share Option Scheme under the terms of the Finance Act, 1984 for executive Directors and senior management. Any such scheme, if approved by the Remuneration Committee, would be put before shareholders for their approval. The grant of options under the scheme would be dealt with by the Remuneration Committee and no grants would be made, at the earliest, until after the Annual General Meeting in

Variation of rights

Transfer of shares

Alteration of capital

discharge of their duties as Directors.

member of bis family or other dependant.

on the ground of any such interest or benefit.

Company or any of its subsidiaries;

taxation purposes:

do not apply to the Directors.

by rotation.

6. Borrowing powers

arrangement relates; or

a guarantee or indemnity or by giving security;

of its subsidiaries for subscription, purchase or exchange

or of the voting rights of members of such company.

prohibiting a Director from voting at a meeting of the Directors.

Directors

will not apply to:

Subject to the provisions of the Companies Act 1955, the rights attached to any class of shares may be varied in such manner as may be provided by those rights or with the consent in writing of the holders of three quarters in nominal value of the issued shares of that class, or with the sanction of an extraordinary resolution passed at a separate meeting of the bolders of the shares of that class.

Unless otherwise expressly provided by the rights attached to any class of shares, those rights are deemed to be varied by the reduction of capital paid up on those

shares and by the creation or issue of further shares ranking in priority to them

for payment of a dividend or repayment of capital or which confer on the bolders

voting rights more favourable than those conferred by the first-mentioned shares,

but are deemed not to be varied by the creation or issue of further shares ranking

Ordinary Shares may be transferred by an instrument in any usual form or in any other form approved by the Directors. The Directors may refuse to register a transfer if it is (i) of Ordinary Shares which are not fully paid, (ii) not stamped

and duly presented for registration together with the share certificate and such

other evidence of title as the Directors reasonably require, (iii) in respect of more than one class of share, (iv) in favour of more than four transferees or (v) made

The Company may, by ordinary resolution, increase its share capital, consolidate

and divide all or any of its shares into shares of larger amount, subdivide all or

any of its shares into shares of smaller amount, and cancel any shares not taken or agreed to be taken by any person. The Company may, subject to the provisions of the Companies Act 1985, by special resolution, reduce its share capital, any

Each Director shall be paid a fee for his services as a Director of such an amount

as the Directors may determine, not exceeding £25,000 per annum or such larger

amount as the Company may by ordinary resolution determine. The Directors

may also be paid all expenses properly incurred by them in connection with the

A Director who bolds an executive office under, or who is employed by, the

Company or who provides it with services outside the scope of the ordinary

duties of a Director, may be paid such extra remuneration as the Directors think

The Directors may provide benefits, whether by the payment of gratuities or

pensions or by insurance or otherwise, for any Director who has held but no

longer holds any executive office or employment with British Gas and for a

Subject to the provisions of the Companies Act 1985, and provided that be has

disclosed to the Directors the nature and extent of any material interest of his, a

Director is not by reason of his office disqualified from being a party to, or

otherwise interested in, any transaction or arrangement with the Company, or in

which the Company has an interest, or with a body corporate in which the

Company has an interest, or disqualified from being an officer or employee of

any such body corporate, or liable to account to the Company for any benefit

thereby derived; and no such transaction or arrangement is liable to be avoided

Except as otherwise provided by the Articles, no Director may vote or be counted

in a quorum at a meeting in relation to any resolution concerning a matter in

which be has a material interest (other than an interest in shares, debentures or

other securities of, or otherwise in or through, the Company). The prohibition

the giving of any guarantee, security or indemnity to a Director in respect

of money lent to or obligations incurred by him for the benefit of the

the giving of any guarantee, security or indemnity to a third party in

respect of an obligation of the Company or any of its subsidiaries for which the Director has assumed responsibility in whole or in part under

the participation of a Director in the underwriting or sub-underwriting of

an offer of shares or debentures or other securities of the Company or any

any proposal for a retirement benefits scheme which has been approved

or is conditional upon approval by the Board of Inland Revenue for

any arrangement for the benefit of employees of the Company or any of

its subsidiaries which does not accord to the Director as such any privilege

or advantage not generally accorded to the employees to whom the

any proposal concerning any other company in which the Director is

interested, whether as an officer, creditor or shareholder, provided that be

is not the holder (other than as bare trustee) of or beneficially interested

in one per cent, or more of any class of the equity share capital of the

company (or of any third company through which his interest is derived)

The Company may by ordinary resolution suspend or relax the provisions

The provisions of section 293 of the Companies Act 1985 (relating to the

At each annual general meeting, one third of the Directors who are subject to

retirement by rotation (or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, the

number nearest to one third) shall retire from office by rotation. The Chairman

of the Directors, the Chief Executive Director, and one other Director bolding

such executive office as the Directors may determine, are not subject to retirement

The Directors, who may exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow money

(with or without security), must restrict the borrowings of the Company and exercise

all powers of control exercisable by the Company in relation to its subsidiaries so as to

secure (as regards its subsidiaries, so far as by such exercise they can secure) that the

aggregate principal amount outstanding of all borrowings by the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") (excluding amounts borrowed by any member of the Group

from any other member of the Group), shall not without the previous sauction of an

ordinary resolution of the Company exceed an amount equal to 0.7 times the aggregate

of the amount paid up on the share capital of the Company and the total of the capital

and revenue reserves of the Group, as shown by the latest audited consolidated accounts

of the Group. The borrowings restriction will be calculated by reference to the CCA

balance sheet but the Articles provide for the multiple of 0.7 referred to above to be

replaced by a multiple of two if the latest accounts of the Group include an HCA balance

sheet but no CCA balance sheet. The Articles also make provisioa for certain liabilities

to be treated as borrowings, for the computation of borrowings and for the adjustment

of share capital and reserves. Until the first audited accounts of the Group are published,

need to seek authority to restrict or regulate, where appropriate, attendance at general

meetings on a basis as fair as possible to all members and without prejudice to voting

in any transactions which are or were unusual in their nature or conditions or significant

to the business of the Group and which were effected by the Company or the Corporation

since 3/st March, 1985 or were effected by the Corporation before that date and remain

applying for shares, and Directors may apply like any other member of the public under

Offer for Sale the aggregate remuneration (exclusive of pension contributions and benefits in kind) of the Directors during the year ending 31st March, 1987 would be

If at any time the Company has a very large number of shareholders it may

Save as disclosed in this Part, none of the Directors has or has had any interest

No Director has any interest in the share capital of the Company or its subsidiaries; executive Directors may participate in the employee share schemes described in Part E of this Section and in the special arrangements for employees

It is estimated that on the basis of the arrangements in force at the date of the

All the executive Directors have entered into service agreements with the

Under the service agreement for Mr. Evans the Company may, by notice, vary

The Directors have established two Remuneration Committees: one comprising

the agreement so that it becomes determinable by not less than three years' notice served

by either party on the other, under the service agreement for Mr. McHugh he is entitled to be the third executive Director not subject to retirement by rotation pursuant to the

provision of the Articles of Association summarised in paragraph 5(d) of Part C of this

all the non-executive Directors and empowered to determine the remuneration and

other terms of employment of the Chairman and the Chief Executive, the other

comprising all the non-executive Directors and the Chairman and the Chief Executive.

and empowered to determine the remuneration and other terms of employment of the

other executive Directors and the top level of management below the Board, Having

taken expert independent advice, the Committees have decided that following the

30th June, 1989

30th September, 1988

31st December, 1989

28th February, 1989

17th December, 1986

31st December, 1988

31st December, 1989

28th July, 1989

the amount of the said limit on borrowings will be £10 billion.

Company. The expiry dates of such agreements are as follows:

7. Attendance at meetings

D. DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

in any respect outstanding or unperformed.

the Offer for Sale.

£422,800 (1986-£376,500).

Director

Sir Denis Rooke

Mr. C. W. Brierley

Mr. C. E. Donovan

Mr. W. G. Jewers

Mr. W.R. Probert

Mr. A. Sutcliffe .

admission of the Ordinary Shares to the Official List:

Mr. J. McHugh

Mr. R. Evans

appointment and retirement as Directors of persons who are aged 70 or more)

pari passu with them or subsequent to them.

in the circumstances referred to in paragraph 3(b) above.

capital redemption reserve and any share premium account.



(b) on any such allocation with a value of more than £10,000; 1.75 per cent, of the Offer for Sale price on the first £10,000 (of which I per cent, of the Offer for Sale price will be so reallowable) and 0.5 per cent, on the balance, subject to a maximum payment of £575 (of which 0.25 per cent, of the Offer for Sale price will be so reallowable subject to a maximum payment of £200).

The financial intermediaries which are eligible for reallowance of such selling commissions are recognised banks and licensed deposit takers (within the meaning of the Banking Act 1970 but excluding U.K. Clearing Banks), soliritors of the Supreme Court, members of the institutes of chartered accountants, members of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants, insurance brokers registered pursuant to the Insurance Brokers (Registration) Act 1977 and members of the British Insurance Brokers (Association, in each case in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, Commissions must not be reallowed to any other person. In each case, such financial intermediaries must submit applications bearing their stamps and also the stamps of the seiling agent by whom commission will be reallowed, and should also submit to that elling agent the requisite claim forms completed for all applications bearing their stamp. Where an application form has been stamped by a U.K. Clearing Bank claiming distribution commission, no selling commission will be payable.

Selling commissions will not be payable on applications which are, or are believed to be, multiple applications. Criminal proceedings may be instituted if selling commissions or reallowances are knowingly claimed in respect of multiple applications. Those rlaiming selling commissions or reallowances must adopt adequate procedures to prevent multiple applications being made through them and must keep adequate records of the procedures they operate and of the application forms they distribute or submit. H.M. Government has appointed Touche Ross & Co. to review the procedures adepted and receids kept by those claiming commission and, for such purpose, H.M. Government reserves the right for Touche Ross & Co. to be given access to claimants premises and records and if H.M. Government sees fit, to carry out an audit of commissions that may be payable. H.M. Government further reserves the right not to pay selling commission to any selling agent whose stamp appears on any application which is or is believed to be a multiple application, or who fails to satisfy Touche Ross & Co. that adequate procedures have been adopted and followed. Commissions payable by H.M. Government will be rounded down to the nearest 50p and will be paid together with VAT on them. No selling commission will be payable by H.M. Government to any person who would otherwise brientifled to a payment of less than £10.

2. Distribution commission

Distribution commissions (plus VAT if applicable) will be payable to U.K. Clearing Banks (as defined above) on the value of each allocation of Ordinary Shares (calculated on the basis of the Offer for Sale price) resulting from successful applications made on yellow public application forms distributed by them and bearing their stamps and their VAT registration numbers ((fany) (a) the rate of 0.375 per rent, of the Offer for Sale price, subject to a maximum of £31,50 per application. Distribution rommissions will not be payable on applications which are, or are believed to be, multiple applications. Commissions payable by H.M. Government will be rounded down to the nearest 50p and will be paid tegether with VAT on them. No distribution commission will be payable by H.M. Government to any person who would otherwise be entitled to a payment of loss than fifth.

1. SUMMARY OF THE INSTALMENT AGREEMENT

1. Introduction

The Ordinary Shares being sold are to be paid for over some 17 months (the "Instalment Period"). To enable purchasers to sell freely without prejuditing the interests of the Secretary of State, an Instalment Agreement dated 21st November, 1986 has been entered into between the Company, National Westminster Bank PLC tibe "Custodian Bank") and the Secretary of State to which every purchaser will also be a party. In this Port, a "purchaser" means a person whose application to purchase Ordinary Shares is accepted or in whose tayour renunciation of a litter of acceptance is registered or tailer 3.00 p.m. on 20th February, 1987) a person (in this Part, a "registered holder") who is registered in the register of interim rights provided for in the Instalment Agreement (in this Part, the "register"). An "interim right" means a purchaser's rights and obligations in relation to an Undinary Share. A "related share" means the Ordinary Share the subject of an interim right. The Instalment Agreement will prevail if inconsistent with this summary. Copies are available for inspection as stated in paragraph 13 of Part N of this Section and until 30th June, 1988 at the Custodian Bank's office at Cavion House, EQ, Boy 543, Redeliffe Mead Lane, Bristol BS99 7SQ, from where copies may also be obtained on payment of a reasonable fee. The Instalment Agreement does not apply to Circinary Shares allocated under the Free Offer or Matching Offer to employees or the Pensioner Free Offer described in paragraph 3 of Part A of Section IX below.

2. Principles of the instalment Agreement

The Ordinary Sharer subject to the Instalment Agreement will be registered in the Custodian Bank's name until fully paid for, Interim rights will initially be evidenced by letters of acceptance, which will be superseded in due course by Interim Certificates issued by the Custodian Bank in accordance with the timetable set out in Part D of Section its below. Registered holders of interim rights will be registered as the holders of the related shares in accordance with such timetable after all the instalments have been duly paid. The Instalment Agreement is designed, subject to its terms and paragraphs 3 to 14 (inclusive) below, to conferred and impose on purchasers rights and obligations substantially similar to those conferred and imposed on the Company's shareholders. Only the purchaser of an interim right is entitled to be recognised as the owner of that interim right, and no trust need be recognised, subject to any court order to the contrary and paragraph 11 below.

3. Default in payment

If a purchaser fails to pay when due any instalment of the price for any Ordinary Share, the agreement by the Secretary of State to sell that Ordinary Share may (without projudice to the Secretary of State's other rights) be avoided and the Ordinary Share sold to someone else. The defaulting purchaser will receive a sum equal to the amount of the instalments) previously paid or treated as paid for the related share without interest after deduction of the expenses of sale and any loss sustained by the Secretary of State. If the Secretary of State in his discretion accepts late payment, he may do so on the basis that the purchaser pays default interest as set out in the Instalment Agreement. If any payment is insufficient to satisfy the instalment in respect of an entire holding of interim rights, it will be applied so that the instalment is satisfied in respect of a many interim rights as possible.

4. Cash dividends

Registered holders will receive in respect of their interim rights the benefit of any cash dividend derlared by the Company in respect of the related shares. Cash dividends will be sent by cheque or warrant to registered holders (to the address of the first named in the register, in the case of joint holders) at their risk.

5. Capitalisation issues

If there is a capitalisation issue of new shares ranking part passu in all respects with the existing Ordinary Shares, the Secretary of State and the registered holders will be deemed to have agreed to sell and purchase them on the following basis: subject to provisions for dealing with fractional entitlements, the price agreed to be paid for the existing Ordinary Shares will be proportionately distributed over the existing Ordinary Shares and the new shares attributably thereto and the instalments already paid and remaining to be paid will be similarly distributed, so that a registered holder will be obliged to pay no less and no more for his increased holding than for his original bolding and the Secretary of State's right to receive further instalments in respect of each share will be proportionately distributed over the increased holding.

6. Rights issues

Registered holders will be able to participate in respect of their interim rights in any rights issue made by the Company substantially to the same extent and effect as if they were the holders of the related shares. The Instalment Agreement contains provisions for determining a price per share below which rights issues may not be made during the Instalment Period without the Secretary of State's agreement.

7. Other distributions and issues

Subject to provisions dealing with fractional entitlements, any securities (other than Ordinary Shares) issued pursuant to a capitalisation issue, and any non-cash distribution made, be the Company to the Custodian Bank as the holder of any related shares will normally be retained by the Custodian Bank and transferred by it to the relevant registered holders after the Instalment Period, subject to the registered holder paying any stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax in connection with such transfer. Registered holders at the time when such an issue or distribution is made to the Custodian Bank may as a result have to satisfy a tax liability before they receive the transfer.

8. Transfers

After the renunriation period, interim rights will be transferable in the same way as fully paid shares. No transfer will be registered without delivery to the Custodian Bank of a duly completed and stamped instrument of transfer supported by the relevant document of title (which may be required in accordance with the timetable set out in Part D of Section (X below to be duly receipted as to, or accompanied by payment of, the next instalment and, if so demanded, default interest if late payment is accepted). The Custodian Bank may call for further evidence to prove title or the right to transfer. On registration of renunciation or transfer, the renouncee or transferer becomes the new registered holder of the relevant interim rights and a party to the Instalment Agreement and entitled and subject to the rights and obligations conferred thereby concluding the obligation to pay instalments) to the exclusion of any predecessor in title. The ourson tendering any documentts) for registration is deemed to warrant his authority to do so as, and/or on behalf of, the renouncee(s) or transferee(s) named therein. The instalment Agreement contains further provisions dealing with transfers of interim rights and transmission on death, bankruptcy and mental incapacity and restricting transfers in favour of persons who are not of full capacity or to more than four persons jointly.

9. Meetings

Registered holders (or the first named in the register, in the case of joint holders) will receive notires of meetings of shareholders of the Company and may anend, speak and vote in respect of their related shares to a similar extent and subject to similar restrictions as if they were shareholders. Provision is also made for meetings of registered holders, which may be ronvened by the Custodian Bank, the Company or the Secretary of State, or, if the Custodian Bank receives such funds, indemnity and security as it may require, by registered holders together holding one tenth or more of all the interim rights, and any resolution passed at such a meeting binds all registered holders. A registered holder whose registered address is outside the United Kingdom and who wishes to receive notices of meetings of the Company or of registered holders must give the Custodian flank an address within the United Kingdom to which they may be sent.

10. Reports, accounts etc.

Registered holders (or the first named in the register, in the case of joint holders) will receive copies of all reports, accounts and circulars which the Company sends to its shareholders generally.

11. Limitation on holdings

The provisions of the Articles of Association which limit the size of shareboldings as described in paragraph 3 of Part C of this Section are applied to interim rights in substantially the same way as they apply to related shares and any disposals required under those provisions will, in so far as they relate to related shares, generally be of interim rights, rather than the related shares. Any registered holder of interim rights by virtue of which any person is (or appears to the Directors, or is deemed, to be) interested in related shares who does not dispose of those interim rights when required to do so under those provisions and those of the instalment Agreement may be prevented from receiving the related shares, or exercising voting rights in respect of or transferring those interim rights lotherwise than for the purpose of reducing his interests in accordance with surh provisions), and some or all of those interim rights may be sold on his behalf, if interim rights are so sold, the proceeds of sale, without interest and following deduction of the expenses of sale, will be paid to the former registered holder upon surrender to the Custodian Bank of the Interim Certificate(s) in respect of the interim rights so sold.

12. Limitations on duties and liabilities

The Instalment Agreement contains limitations on the liabilities and duties of the Custodian Bank, the Secretary of State and the Company and provisions indemnifying the Custodian Bank and relieving it from responsibility in certain circumstances.

13. Amendments

The Custodian Bank, the Company and the Secretary of State may amend the Instalment Agreement without the consent of the purchasers in order to cure any ambiguity, defect or manifest error or in any manner (including, without limitation, to facilitate dealings or settlements on The Stock Exchange or any other securities market) which would not in their opinion materially prejudice the interests of the purchasers.

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Purchasers may be required to execute or furnish documents in order to comply with tax or other requirements in respect of their interim rights or the related shares. Except as specified in the Instalment Agreement, each purchaser is responsible for all taxes, duties and government charges and expenses which may become payable in respect of his interim rights or the related shares. Therefore, if any of the same are paid or payable in the first instance by the Custodian Bank as holder of the related shares, the purchaser must pay the same to the Custodian Bank upon request. Failure to do so may result in the sale of some or all of the purchaser's interim rights or the related shares.

J. UNITED KINGDOM TAXATION OF DIVIDENDS

When the Company pays a dividend it also accounts to the Inland Revenue for advance corporation tax ("ACT"). The rate of ACT is fixed by reference to the basic rate of income tax and at present equals 29 per cent, of the aggregate of the dividend and of the related ACT.

A bolder of an Interim Certificate or Ordinary Share who is resident (for tax purposes) in the United Kingdom and who receives a dividend from the Company will be entitled to a tax credit of an amount equal to the related ACT A company resident in the United Kingdom will be able to treat any dividend received and the related tax credit as franked investment income. An individual will be taxable upon the total of the dividend received and the tax credit, but the tax credit will discharge his liability to basic rate income tax and if the tax credit exceeds his liability to tax on the dividend he will be able to claim the excess.

Subject to certain exceptions for Commonwealth citizens, citizens of the Republic of Ireland, residents of the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands and certain others, the right of a holder of an Interim Certificate or Ordinary Share who is not resident in the United Kingdom to claim any part of the tax credit will depend upon the existence and terms of any double tax treaty between the United Kingdom and the country in which he is resident. Persons who are not resident in the United Kingdom should consult their own tax advisers concerning their tax liabilities on dividends received, whether they are entitled to claim any part of the tax credit and, if so, the procedure for doing so.

K. MATERIAL CONTRACTS

The following contracts, not being contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business, have been entered into within the period of two years immediately preceding the publication of this document and are, or may be, material: the £2,500 million debenture referred to in paragraph 2 of Part B of this Section; the underwriting agreements referred to in Part G of this Section; and the warranties and indemnities agreement referred to in paragraph (e) of Part G of this Section.

L. LITIGATION

British Gas has not been engaged in any litigation or arbitration which may have, or has had within the last twelve months, a significant effect on the financial position (including results of operations) of British Gas and no litigation or elain which may have such an effect is known to the Directors.

M. SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

Details of the Company's principal subsidiaries, which are all wholly owned, are

Name of subsidiary .	Activity	(issued and fully paid
Gas Council (Exploration) Limited	Exploration	£100
Hydrocarbons Great Britain Limited	Exploration	£100
Hydrocarbons Ireland Limited	Exploration	JR £100

Gas Council (Exploration) Limited and Hydrocarbons Great Britain Limited are incorporated in England and Wales and the registered office of each is at Rivermill House, 152 Grosvenor Road, London SWIV 3JL, Hydrocarbons Ireland Limited is incorporated in the Republic of Ireland and its registered office is at Gardner House, Wilton Place, Dublin 2.

N. MISCELLANEOUS

- On admission to the Official List, the Ordinary Shares will be "wider-range investments" within the meaning of the Trustee Investments Act 1961.
- 2. Rating except with respect to certain premises (such as office premises not situated on operational land and showrooms) which are subject to normal rating, the Company is not liable to be rated in the normal way, but is instead rated in accordance with formulae specified in orders made by virtue of the Local Government Act 1974 and the General Rate Act 1967 (and equivalent Scottish legislation). Rates amounted to 5.8 per cent. of non-gas costs of the gas supply business in the year ended 31st March, 1986 on a CCA basis and 6.6 per cent. on an HCA basis. Following the publication of the Green Paper "Paying for Local Government" in January 1986, the basis of rating all ratepayers, including all statutory undertakers such as British Gas, is to be reviewed although the Government does not expect to implement the outcome before 1990. If such a review were to lead to a substantial increase in the level of rate payments by British Gas there could be an adverse effect on profit unless the price formula under the Authorisation were modified to allow for an increase of this nature.
- 3. Planning: under the Town and Country Planning General Development Order 1977 land an equivalent order in Scotland) the Company, as a gas undertaker, is exempt in certain respects from the requirement under the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 (and equivalent Scottish legislation) to obtain planning permission. These respects include the laying of underground mains, pipes or other apparatus and the carrying out of certain other developments.
- 4. Compulsory purchase: by virtue of the Gas Act the Company, as a Public Gas Supplier, may be authorised by the Secretary of State after consulting the Director General to purchase compulsorily any land or rights over land (other than land or rights held by the Crown). Any such acquisition will be subject to established procedural requirements and provisions for compensation under the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 and the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 (and equivalent Scottish legislation); and any land or right so acquired may not be disposed of except with the consent of the Director General.
- 5. Save as disclosed in this Section VII:
- 1a) no share or loan capital of the Company since its incorporation or of any of its subsidiaries within the three years before the date of the Offer for Sale has been issued or agreed to be issued (except, in the case of subsidiaries, to the Company or the Corporation) or is now proposed to be issued, fully or partly paid, either for cash or for a consideration other than cash;
- (b) no commissions, discounts, brokerages or other special terms have been granted by the Company since its incorporation or by any of its subsidiaries within those three years, in connection with the issue or sale of any share or loan capital of any of those companies, and
- (c) no share or loan capital of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is under option or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be put under option.
- 6. No material issue of shares in the Company (other than to shareholders pro rata to their existing shareholdings) will be made within one year of the date of the Offer for Sale without the prior approval of shareholders in general meeting.
- 7. Under the Gas Act the Secretary of State is required to specify a "target investment limit", which sets a ceiling on the proportion of issued voting shares held by H.M. Treasury and the Secretary of State or their nominees. The Gas Act requires the limit to be set, at the level of H.M. Government's shareholding at the time the limit is established, as soon as expedient (and not later than six months) after the sale of shares to the public. The limit may be reduced, but not increased, by further orders.
- The Directors have been advised that the Company is not expected to be a close company, as defined in the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970, immediately following the Offer for Sale.

- 9. Save as disclosed in Part E of Section 1, there has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of British Gas since 31st March, 1986.
- 10. The expenses of and incidental to the Combined Offer and special arrangements for employees and pensioners described in paragraph 3 of Part A of Sertion 1% to be borne by the Company are estimated to amount in £18 million (exclusive of value added tax). The balance of such expenses (including underwriting commissions and the preliminary expenses of the Company) will be borne by the Secretary of State.
- 11. NM Rothschild & Sons Limited and Kleinwort Benson Limited have given and have not withdrawn their written consent to the issue of this document with the inclusion of their letter in the form and context in which it is included. Price Waterhouse have given and have not withdrawn their written consent to the issue of this document with the inclusion of their report and their letter and with the references thereto and to their name in the form and context in which each is included. ERC has given and has not withdrawn its written consent to the issue of this document with the inclusion of its report and the references thereto in the firm and context in which each is included. R. Watson & Sons have given and have not withdrawn their written consent to the issue of this document with the references to their name in the form and context in which they are included.
- 12. Any person (including any natural person, company, government or political sub-division thereof) which becomes the "beneficial owner" (as defined in the United States Securities Exchange Act 1934, as amended) if more than five per cent of the Ordinary Shares becomes subject, under the terms of that Act, to an obligation to file prescribed reports of beneficial ownership (and reports of changes in such ownership) with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), the New York Stock Exchange and the Company on a form prescribed by the SEC. Any person (including any individual, partnership or trustee) or company that becomes the beneficial owner of more than ten per cent, of the Ordinary Shares becomes subject, under the terms of the securities legislation in certain provinces of Canada, to an obligation to file prescribed reports of beneficial ownership (and reports of changes in such ownership) with the Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia securities commissions and with The Toronto Stock Exchange, in a prescribed form.
- 13. Copies of the following documents may be inspected at the offices of Herbert Smith, Watting House, 35 Cannon Street, London EC4 during usual business hours on any weekday (Saturdays excepted) for a period of fourteen days following the date of the Office for Sale:
- (a) the Memorandum and Articles of Associatioe of the Company:
- (b) the Gas Act and the relevant statutory instruments, directions and orders
- (e) the Authorisation granted to the Company under the Gas Act.
- (d) the statements made pursuant to the Authorisation and the assurances referred to in Sections I and III above;
- (e) the audited accounts of the Corporation for the two years ended 3Ist March, 1986;
- (f) the accountants' report set out in Section IV above together with the statement setting out the adjustments made in arriving at the figures contained in the repur;
- (g) the letters from Price Waterhouse, N M Rothschild & Sons Limited and Kleinwort Benson Limited relating to the profit forecast and set out in Section V above.
- (h) the report of ERC Energy Resource Consultants Limited set out in Section VI above;
- i) the Directors' service agreements referred to in Part D of this Section.
- the trust deed constituting the Profit-Sharing Scheme and the rules of the Sharesave Scheme referred to in Part E of this Section;
- (k) the Instalment Agreement referred to in Part I of this Section:
- (1) the material contracts referred to in Part K of this Section: 2nd
- (m) the written consents referred to in paragraph il of this Part.



A. ELIGIBILITY

If you apply for shares in the Offer for Sale, you may be eligible to receive from H.M. Government, free of charge, EITHER vouchers for use against gas bills from British Gas OR a share bonus. The special incentives are only available if you buy the shares in the Offer for Sale and not if they are bought subsequently.

To be eligible to apply for these special incentives, you must be an individual investing solely for your own benefit (or investing jointly with not more than three other individuals, solely for the benefit of one or more of you). Applications made by individuals on behalf of children may also qualify for the special incentives. Companies, partnersbips, firms, trusts, associations and clubs are not eligible for these special incentives but they may apply as nominces for eligible individuals (see paragraph 4 of Pert C of this Section). These special incentives are not available under the "Free Offer" or "Matching Offer" or the "Pensioner Free Offer" (all as described in paragraph 3 of Part A of Section IX), or to institutional investors applying under the arrangements described in Part G of Section VII.

B. THE INCENTIVES

Bill vouchers

(a) Value and entitlements

For every whole multiple of 100 shares you buy in the Offer for Sale and hold continuously until certain qualifying dates, you can receive £10 worth of vouchers tap to a maximum entitlement of £250). The way in which the voucher scheme will work is illustrated in the table below:

		ON THE	MENT TO	VOUCH	IERS TES		
Number of shares held continuously	30th June 3 (987	1987	th June 3 1988	1st Dec. 30 (988	th June 31 1989		Total
100 200 300	£10 £20 £30	- =	=	Ξ	=		£10 £20 £30
400 500 600	£40 £40 £40	£10 £20	Ξ	_	Ξ	_ _	£40 £50
700 800 900	£40 £40 £40	£30 £40 £40	£10	Ξ	Ξ	_	£60 £70 £80
1,000 1,500 2,000	£40 £40 £40	£40 £40 £40	£20 £40 £40	<u>−</u> £30 £40	 £40		£100 £150
2,500 or more	£40	£40	£40	£40	£40 £40	£50	£250 £250

EXAMPLE: If you receive 500 shares in the Offer for Sale, you will be entitled to a voucher of £40 on 30th June, 1987 and a voucher of £10 on 31st December. 1987, provided you hold the shares until 31st December. 1987. If you only hold the shares until, say, November 1987, you will only be entitled to a voucher of £40.

On each qualifying date you will be entitled to one voucher, worth £10 for every whole multiple of 100 shares bought in the Offer for Sale and held continuously until then, less the value of the vouchers already received. However, the maximum voucher value on any qualifying date will be £40 (£50 on the last qualifying date). The voucher will be posted to you about two weeks after each qualifying date.

(b) Conditions of use

Your vouchers can be used when making any payment due to British Gas. If that payment includes charges for gas supplied (or standing charges) for your use or benefit in your home. A declaration to that effect (on the reverse of the vouchert will have to be signed when you use a voucher.

You may use your vouchers when paying by any current method which continues to be available at the time of payment. If you have a coin-operated meter emptied by British Gas, you will be able to use your vouchers to obtain a refund. If you use a voucher against gas charges which are less than the value of the voucher, you can receive a credit or, in certain limited circumstances, a refund. Details of all these arrangements will be issued with the vnuchers.

Your vouchers may be used even if the bill is not issued in your name, provided the gas has been used or supplied, at least in part, for your benefit in your home. In this case, you will need the person named in the gas bill to agree to your vouchers being used to pay that bill and, as appropriate, recompense you. If you are a tenant, or are in similar circumstances, and you are not sure that such an arrangement can be made, you may wish to consider the share bonus instead of the vouchers.

Vauchers will be issued in your name and will show your address on the register, if you are investing alone. If you are investing jointly, the vouchers will be issued in joint names, but addressed to the person named first on the register. Vouchers issued to a person acting as a nominee for an individual may only be used by that individual.

If you live in Northern Ireland or any other area not served by British Gas. or may not be able to use voucbers and may wish to consider applying for the share bonus.

All vouchers will cease to be valid for use after 30th September, 1990.

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Share bonus

You will be entitled to one additional share for every len shares which you buy in the Offer for Saie and continue to hold up to and including 31st December, 1980. The maximum number of additional shares you can receive is 500. There will be no right to receive fractions of shares.

The additional shares will be transferred to you as soon as reasonably practicable after 31st December, 1989 (together with all rights attaching to those shares at the date of transfer). Any stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax on or in respect of the transfer will be met by H.M. Government.

There are special arrangements to enable investors under the Overseas Offerings to obtain an equivalent to the share bonus.

FURTHER DETAILS OF THE BILL VOUCHERS AND SHARE BONUS

Disposals of shares

If on or before the relevant qualifying date you dispose of any of your shares bought in the Offer for Sale, your entitlement to bill vouchers or the share bonus may be lost or reduced (whether or not you later acquire more shares). In the case of joint investors, a disposal by any of them will be treated as a disposal by all.

A transfer will not result to loss of entitlement if it is made after 20th February. 1987 oo a special transfer form provided that the Secretary of State is satisfied that:

- the transfer involves the registration of the shares, following the death of the original owner, in the name of an individual entitled to such shares under such original owner's will or on his intestacy (in which case any vouchers already issued but unused by the original owner may, on application, be reissued in the name of soch iodividual); or
- the transfer will not involve any change in the beneficial ownership of the shares and the beneficial owner is, on registration of the transfer, the sole or joiot holder or a person under 18 years of age for whose benefit the transferor held the shares;
- the shares are transferred by joint holders into the name(s) of one or more (c) individuals of their own number without the addition of any other person(s).

The special transfer forms will be obtainable from National Westminster Bank PLC. Registrar's Department, Caxton House, P.O. Box 343, Redcliffe Mead Lane, Bristol

2. Loss of and changes in entitlement

You will lose all rights to hill vouchers or the share bonus if you make a multiple application or if you apply in breach of the declaration on your application form. You will not receive bill vouchers so long as any instalment due on your shares remains unpaid, and you will lose all rights to bill vouchers or the share boous if some part of your entitlement to shares is cancelled or proceedings are commenced to recover the instalment. The number of shares which will be taken into account in calculating entitlements to bill vouchers or which will qualify for the share bonus (and the maximum a number of bonus shares) will be amended pro rata (ignoring fractions) if there is any capitalisation issue or any consolidation or subdivision of the Company's share capital

United Kingdom tax position

Under current law and Inland Revenue practice you will not pay tax on bill vouchers. The value you obtain from your bill vouchers is deducted (for tax purposes) from the amount which you paid for your shares, although this will not matter unless. in the tax year in which you dispose of your shares, your taxable gains (when added to those of your husband or wife) exceed the exempt amount for the year (currently £6,300). You will not pay tax on the share bonus, but you will be treated for tax purposes as if you had paid for it an amount equal to the market value of the shares received on 31st December, 1989. These rules do not, however, apply to dealers in shares.

4. Applications by nominees

Nominees may only apply for bill vouchers or the share boous on behalf of cligible individuals, and in such cases the nominee must apply jointly on a single application form with no more than three such individual(s) by entering the comince's own name in Box 1 on the application form and the name(s) of such individual(s) in Box 7. The nominee should sign Box 5 on the application form, Box 7 should be signed by the individual(s), or by the nominee on behalf of such individual(s), if he is duly authorised to do so, but power(s) of attorney must be enclosed for inspection. A nominee means a person who retains no beneficial interest in the shares nor any right to acquire such an interest from the beneficial owner(s).

5. Definitions

Where the context permits, references to shares to this Section include references to entitlements to Ordinary Shares evidenced by letters of acceptance or loterim Certificates. References to holding Ordinary Shares or Interim Certificates are references to being the beneficial owner of those Ordinary Shares and, as the case may be, being (during the renunciation period) the addressee of the letter of acceptance relating to those Ordinary Shares or being (thereafter) the registered holder thereof in the register of the Custodian Bank or of the Company. Entitlements at any qualifying date will be determined by reference to the relevant register as at 3 p.m. oo that date.

٠. SECTION IX APPLICATIONS AND DEALINGS

A. APPLICATIONS

General

Special personalised application forms with full details on how to use them are acing sent by the British Gas Share Information Office to those who registered their Laterest by 14th November, 1986. There are also special arrangements for British Gas employees and pensioners.

Others wishing to apply for shares should complete a public application form, such as the form at the end of this document.

ONLY ONE APPLICATION MAY BE MADE FOR THE BENEFIT OF ANY PERSON. If you make or authorise anyone else to make an application for your benefit under the Offer for Sale on any one of the forms mentioned above. you cannot make or authorise any other such application for your benefit. Criminal proceedings may be instituted against anyone knowingly making or authorising more than one such application for the benefit of any person. Multiple applications or suspected multiple applications are liable to be rejected. Photocopies of application forms will not be accepted in any circumstances.

2. Customer Share Scheme

Eligibility

If you registered as a customer with the British Gas Share Information Office by 14th November, 1986, you will have been sent a green application form which you may use only if:

- you currently use gas from British Gas for your own domestic purposes in your home through its own separately metered gas supply; and
- your application is the only application made under this Scheme in respect of that supply; and
- you are an individual investing solely for your own benefit (or tovesting jointly with not more than three other individuals, solely for the benefit of individuals living in your home).

bu do not have to be the person named on the gas bill, provided that you meet all three conditions set out above.

Companies, partnerships, firms, trusts, associations and clubs may not apply under the Customer Share Scheme, unless they are actiog as nominees for individuals who would themselves be eligible.

Guarantee and preference

If you are eligible and make a valid application under this Scheme, then, subject

to the Terms and Conditions set out in Section X: your application will (a) be accepted in full (if you apply for 100 or 200 shares) or (h) be accepted to the extent of at least 200 shares (if you apply for more than 200 shares) 200 shares); and

you will be given preference on a basis to be determined when shares are allocated, If heavy demand for shares results in applications being scaled down.

Up to ten per cent, of the shares in the U.K. Public Offer has been reserved to provide applicants under the Customer Share Scheme with greater allocations of shares than they would have received had they applied successfully on public application

Special arrangements for employees and pensioners of British Gas

Eligible employees and pensioners of British Gas are being offered the opportunity to apply in accordance with the following special arrangements:

the "Free Offer", under which each employee of British Gas who is eligible to join the Brush Gas Employee Profit-Sharing Scheme (by having been to continuous employment with Brush Gas from 1st May, 1986 uotil 13th November, 1986 and at any time in that period having been contracted to work. sixteen hours or more per week, excluding overrimed will be given by H.M. Government, on application, free of charge, 52 Ordinary Shares plus such oumber of additional shares as has a value (based on the Offer for Sale price) nearest to 62 for appear to the ordinary Shares as has a value (based on the Offer for Sale price) nearest to E2 for every year of commuous employment completed as at 1st May, 1986;

the "Marching Offer", under which each such eligible employee may apply at the Offer for Sale price (payable in full on application) for up to 111 shares; for each share so purchased and right under the Profit-Sharing Scheme. H.M. Government will fransfer to trustees of the Profit Sharing Scheme, free of charge, two shares

to be held for the benefit of that employee: the "Priority Discount Offer", under which each employee of British Gas may apply for (i) up to 1.481 snares at a discount equal to 10 per cent, of the Offer for Sale price (10 be given on the final instalment payable in respect of the number of such that the final instalment payable in respect of the number. of such shares held continuously by him until the dale on which the final instalment is pavalile; and (ii) up to 18,519 additional shares in priority over public applications, but subject to scaling down as described below;

the "Pensioner Free Offer", under which any person with an address in the United Kingdom who on 13th November, 1986 was in receipt of a pension or pension benefit which he is entitled to be paid pursuant to either the British Gas Staff Pension Scheme or the British Gas Corporation Pension Scheme, and who

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(e) the "Pensioner Priority Offer", under which any person with an address in the United Kingdom who is eligible for the Pensioner Free Offer or who was on 13th November, 1986 entitled to receive, from a date later than that date, a pension pursuant to either of the pension schemes mentioned above, may apply for up to 18.519 shares in priority over public applications, but subject to scaling down

applies, will be given by H.M. Government, free of charge, 56 shares, and

All valid applications received in the above offers will be met in full, except for applications under the Priority/Discount Offer and Pensioner Priority Offer which will be scaled down if applications from employees and pensioners in all five of the above offers exceed in aggregate 207,500,000 shares (representing 5 per cent. of the ordinary share capital of the Company, issued and to be issued). Such applications will not be scaled down to a greater extent than applications for the same amount on public application forms, and an application in the Priority/Discount Offer may only be scaled down if it exceeds 1,481 shares and will not be scaled down below that number. All shares acquired by employees free of charge in the Free Offer and the Matching Offer under the Profit-Sharing Scheme must be vested in the trustees of that Scheme and will be subject to the restrictions oo dealing described in Part E of Section VII above under "Employee profit-sharing scheme".

4. Non-United Kingdom applicants

No person receiving a copy of this document and/or an application form in any territory other than the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man may treat the same as constituting an invitation to him or her, nor should he or she in any event use such application form, unless to the relevant territory such an invitation could lawfully be made to him or her without compliance with any unfulfilled registration or other legal requirements. It is the responsibility of any person outside the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man receiving a copy of this document and/or an application form and wishing to make an application hereunder to satisfy himself or herself as to full observance of the laws of the relevant territory in connection therewith, including the obtaining of any government or other consents or the compliance with other occessary formaliues, and to pay any transfer or other taxes requiring to be paid in such territory in respect of the shares acquired by him or her under this Offer for Sale.

No applications will be accepted on the application form below from a U.S. or Canadian persoo. A "U.S. or Canadian person" means any individual who is a citizeo or resident of the United States of America (including the states and the District of Columbia) or Canada, or their territories or possessions or other areas subject to their jurisdiction (the "United States" and "Canada" respectively) or any corporation, partnership or other entity created or organised in or under the laws of the United States or Canada and any estate or trust the income of which is subject to United States or Canadian federal income taxation regardless of its source and shall include any United States or Canadian branch of a noo-U.S. or a oon-Canadian person.

PAYMENT

The right is reserved to present for payment all cheques or bankers' drafts received but this will be avoided as far as practicable io respect of applications for which it is not expected to make an allocation, unless they are, or are suspected to be, multiple applications. All cheques must be bonoured oo first presentation.

Your attention is drawn to the arrangements for payment by instalments; until the final instalment is paid you will, so long as you hold an entitlement to shares, be bound by the terms of, and be party to, the Iostalment Agreement. If you sell your shares, the purchaser will become hable for any further instalments due (once the transfer has been registered). You will be sent remloders in advance of the dates when the second and third instalments become payable. At the time the remioder is sent for the second instalment (due by 9th June, 1987), you will also be sent an Interim Certificate to replace the temporary document of title (a letter of acceptance) despatched following the Offer for Sale. After you have paid your final instalment (due by 19th April, 1988) you will be sent your final share certificate.

lostalment reminders will be sent to your address oo the register. You should therefore promptly notify any change of address, following the instructions set out on the letters of acceptance and on the Interim Certificates. It will out be sufficient to have notified British Gas for gas supply purposes.

ALLOCATIONS

The basis of allocation of the shares is expected to be announced by Monday. 8th December, 1986, If you are successful, in whole or in part, you will be sent a letter of acceptance for the shares allocated to you. If there is very heavy demand for the shares, you may receive fewer shares than you apply for or, in some cases, none at all. If your application is not accepted, all money paid on application will be returned (without interest). If your application is accepted in part, you will receive (without interest) a refund cheque for the balance of the money paid on application.

The right is reserved to reject, in whole or in part, any application. In particular, any application which (alone or when taken in conjunction with any other application made by or on behalf of the same applicant or by or on behalf of a persoo who the Secretary of State has reasonable grounds for believing (i) is associated with that applicant, or (ii) would, if that applicant held any Ordinary Shares, be or be taken to be interested in such Ordinary Shares for the purpose of the Articles of Association) is for more than 415,000,000 Ordinary Shares (ten per cent. of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company following the Offer for Sale) will be rejected to the extent that it exceeds that number. It may also be scaled down thereafter.

D. TIMETABLE

29th May, 1987

It is expected that dealings on The Stock Exchange will commence at 2.30 p.m. on 8th December, 1986. It is expected that renounceable letters of acceptance will be sent to applicants allocated shares under the Offer for Sale on 15th December, 1986 and that initial dealings will be for deferred settlement on 18th December, 1986. Dealing instructions will be set out in the letter of acceptance; applicants who deal before receipt of a letter of acceptance will do so at their own risk.

The expected timetable of initial dealing and settlement arrangements on The Stock Exchange is as follows:

2.30 p.m. on 8th December, 1986	Dealings commence.
15th December, 1986	Letters of acceptance posted.
18th December, 1986	Deferred settlement commences.
3.00 p.m. on 18th February, 1987	Latest time for splitting of letters of acceptance.
3.00 p.m. on 20th February, 1987	Latest time for registration of renunciation of letters of acceptance; after this time, entitlements to shares will be

transferable by delivery of a completed instrument of transfer, together with the original letter of acceptance, a renounced letter of acceptance which has been receipted by the receiving bank or an initial Interim Certificate. Last day for dealing in letters of acceptance and initial Interim

24th April, 1987 Certificates; after this date, settlement of bargains will be by delivery of a combined Interim Certificate and call notice to pay the second instalment.

Record date for despatch of combined Interim Certificate and .28th April, 1987 call ootice to pay the second instalment. Despatch of combined Interim Certificates and call ootices to 1 lth May, 1987 pay the second instalment.

> Last day of dealing first instalment paid; after this date, dealing will be on the basis that the second instalment has been paid and settlement of bargains will be by delivery of Interim Certificates receipted by the receiving bank for the second

Latest time for payment of second instalment.

3.00 p.m. on 9th June, 1987 Despatch of last Interim Certificates receipted by the receiving 16th June, 1987 banks for the second instalment.

It is expected that dealiogs on The Stock Exchange will continue on this basis until shortly before 8th March, 1988 which is expected to be the record date for the despatch of combined Interim Certificates and call notices to pay the final instalment. Further details relating to dealing arrangements over this period until the final instalment, due not later than 3.00 p.m. on 19th April, 1988, will be contained in the Interim Certificates and call notices for the second instalment, which are expected to be despatched on or soon after 11th May, 1987.

After the record date for despatch of call notices for each instalment, transfers which are not in favour of a Stock Exchange Nominee as defined in the Instalment Agreement will not be accepted for registration unless accompanied by a combined Interim Certificate and call octice for the relevant instalment either duly receipted as to payment of such instalment or accompanied by payment of it and, if demanded, default interest if late payment is accepted.

It is expected that final share certificates will be despatched to shareholders appoximately eight weeks after 19th April, 1988, the final instalment date.

SPECIAL DEALING ARRANGEMENTS

The brokers to the Offer for Sale and Regional Co-ordinators listed below will effect sales and purchases of entitlements to Ordinary Shares at out more than the following rates of commission on instructions given at any of their offices before 31st December, 1988:

PURCHASES Value Commission Calue Commission £i 50 or below £3 £350 or below £151 to £350 £351 to £500 £351 to £500

plus value added tax and, on purchases, stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax. Dealings in larger amounts will not be subject to these special arrangements.

BROKERS TO THE OFFER FOR SALE

James Capel & Co., Cazenove & Co.. 12 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN. James Capel House, 6 Bevis Marks, Tel: 01-606 1768 London EC3A 7JO. Tel: 01-929 3251 Hoare Govern Limited, Heron House, 319-325 High Holborn, Wood Mackenzie & Co. Ltd., 100 Wood Street, London EC2Y 5BP. London WCIV 7PB. Tel: 01-242 3060 Tel: 031-243 4336

REGIONAL CO-ORDINATORS

ABERDEEN GLASGOW Parsons & Co. Limited, Penney Eastoo & Co. 25 Albyn Place, Limited, Aberdeen ABI 1YL. P.O. Box 112, 24 George Square, Glasgow G2 1EB. Tel: (0224) 589345 BELFAST Tel: 041-248 2911 Wm. F. Coates & Co., Northern Bank House **LEEDS** 8-9 Donegall Square North Belfast BT1 5LX. Stancliffe Limited. Town Centre House, Tel: (0232) 323456 The Merrion Centre, **BIRMINGHAM** Leeds LS2 8NA. Albert E. Sharp & Co., Tel: (0532) 420303 Edmund House. Wise Speke & Co., 12 Newhall Street Provincial House. Birmingham B3 3ER. 28 Albion Street, Tel: 021-200 1141 Leeds LSI 6HX. Smith Keen Cutler Limited, Tel: (0532) 459341 Exchange Buildings, Stephenson Place, LINCOLN Birmingham B2 4NN. Hill Osborne & Co., Tel: 021-643 9977 Royal Insurance Building. Silver Street BRISTOL Lincoln LN2 IDU.

Stock Beech & Co. Ltd., Tel; (0522) 28244 Bristol & West Building. Broad Quay, LIVERPOOL Bristol BSI 4DD. Charterhouse Tilney, .Tel: (0272) 20051 385 Sefton House. Exchange Buildings, Liverpool L2 3RT CARDIFF Lyddon, Tel: 051-236 6000 113 Bute Street, Cardiff CF1 1QS. LONDON AND THE Tel: (0222) 480000 SOUTH EAST **EDINBURGH** Barclays de Zoete Wedd Bell Lawrie Limited. Securities Limited

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Tel: 031-225 2566

Edinburgh EH2 4AE.

PO. Box 439, Seal House, 1 Swan Lane. London EC4R 3UD. Tel: 01-623 6789

MANCHESTER Henry Cooke Lumsden Ltd., PO. Box 369. I King Street. Manchester M60 3AH. Tel: 061-834 2332 MIDDLESBROUGH

Stancliffe Limited, P.O. Box 84, City House, 206-208 Marton Road, Middlesbrough. Clevelaod TS4 2JE. Tel: (06421 249211 NEWCASTLE Wise Speke & Co., Commercial Union House, 39 Pilgrim Street. Newcastle upon Tyne NEI 6RQ.

Tel: 091-261 1266 NORWICH Margetts & Addenbrooke. St Cuthbert's House, 7 Upper King Street, Norwich NR3 IRB. Tel: (0603) 632904

> PLYMOUTH Westlake & Co. (Stockbrokers) Limited, Princess House, Eastlake Walk. Plymouth PL1 IHG. Tel; (0752) 220971 WINCHESTER Cobbald Roach & Co.,

Calpe House. St. Thomas Street Winchester SO23 \$BJ. Tel: (0962) 52362

BANKS

lo addition, Bank of Scotland, Barclays Bank PLC, Lloyds Bank Plc, Midland Bank plc, National Westminster Bank PLC and Ulster Bank Limited have coofirmed that, until 20th February, 1987, the same dealing arrangements will apply to sales and purchases of letters of acceptance on normal trade terms arranged through their U.K. bank branches. Uotil 6th February, 1987 National Westminster Bank PLC will also be offering a service for buying and selling British Gas shares (subject to a maximum of 5,000 shares per transaction) for immediate settlement through approximately 250 selected branches in major locations.

UNITED KINGDOM STAMP DUTY AND STAMP DUTY

The Ioland Revenue has confirmed that under existing law:

- although acceptance of applications under the Offer for Sale will give rise to stamp duty reserve tax or stamp duty the Secretary of State has agreed, save as indicated in paragraph 3 below, to pay this and purchasers oced take oo action;
- an agreement to sell shares, letters of acceptance or Interim Certificates will give rise to a charge to stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax at 50p per £100 (or part) of the price payable under the sale. Such stamp duty reserve tax is the liability of the purchaser and stamp duty is also usually paid by him. Where the purchase is effected through a member of The Stock Exchange or a qualified dealer, the Stock Exchange member or qualified dealer concerned will generally collect the stamp duty reserve tax or stamp duty; and
- oo stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax is otherwise payable on the issue of recounceable letters of acceptance or Interim Certificates or oo the registratioo of renunciation of letters of acceptance.
- Under the Instalment Agreement, the Secretary of State has agreed to pay (subject to paragraph 3 below) all stamp duty and stamp duty reserve tax on the transfer of Ordinary Shares or entitlements to Ordinary Shares to the Custodian Bank and the transfer of Ordinary Shares by the Custodian Bank to persons entitled to them under the Instalment Agreement.
- Special rules apply to members of The Stock Exchange. Persons connected with depositary receipt arrangements and elearance services are also subject to special rules and must themselves account for all stamp duty reserve tax on acceptance of their applications. The Inland Revenue has stated that agreements to transfer shares, letters of acceptance or Interim Certificates to charities will not give rise to stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax.



SECTION X TERMS AND CONDITIONS

 Acceptance of applications will be conditional on (i) the Ordinary Shares, issued and to be issued, being admitted to the Official List of The Stock Exchange not later than 31st December, 1986, and (ii) the provisions relating to termination of the U.K. Underwriting Agreement referred to in Part G of Section VII of the full Prospectus dated 21st November, 1986 comprising the listing particulars relating to British Gas ple (the "Prospectus") not being implemented. Application money will be returned (without interest) if either of these conditions is not satisfied and, in the meantime, if presented for payment, will be kept by a receiving bank in a separate account. Rights are reserved for the Secretary of State and his agents to present for payment and otherwise process all cheques and bankers' drafts received and to have full access to all information relating to, or deriving from, such cheques, bankers' drafts and the processing thereof. The right is also reserved to treat as valid any application not in all respects completed in accordance with the instructions accompanying the relevant application form.

2. Acceptance of an application by an eligible investor who has elected for the share bonus or the bill vouchers will entitle that investor to the share bonus or bill vouchers (as the case may be) on the terms, and subject to the conditions, set out in Section VIII

3. A valid application made by or on behalf of a persoo who is eligible for the Customer Share Scheme on a green customer application form delivered to that person by or on behalf of the British Gas Share Information Office will, subject to these terms and inditions, be accepted to the extent described in paragraph 2(b) of Part A of Section

4. By completing and delivering an application form, you:

(a) offer to purchase from the Secretary of State the number of Ordinary Shares specified in your application form (or such smaller number for which the application is accepted) on the terms of, and subject to the cooditions set out in. the Prospectus and the Instalment Agreement (and, in due course, subject to the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company) and agree to become a party to and be bound by all relevant provisions of the lostalment Agreement;

(b) as a collateral contract between you and the Secretary of State which will become binding oo despatch to or receipt by a receiving bank of your application and in consideration of the Secretary of State agreeing that he will out, prior to 1st January, 1987 offer any of the Ordinary Shares to any person other than hy means of one of the procedures referred to in the Prospectus:

agree that your application cannot be revoked prior to 1st January, 1987;

(ii) warrant that your remittance will be honoured oo first presentation and agree that any letter of acceptance and any moneys returnable may be held pending clearance of your payment; (c) (if you complete a box to apply for bill vouchers or the share bonus) thereby:

(i) warrant that you are eligible to do so in accordance with the provisions set out in Part A of Section VIII of the Prospectus; (ii) agree that, if you elect for bill vouchers, you will comply with the conditions of use thereof set out in paragraph 1(b) of Part B of Section VIII of the

Prospectus; and (iii) agree that, if you complete both boxes, you will be deemed to have elected for the share bonus only,

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Edinburgh EH7 4AL or, by hand only, to 38 Threadneedle Street,

London EC2. Ch to F Barclays Bank PLC New Issues, P.O. Box 123, Fleetway House, 25 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4HD.

G to J Lloyds Bank Plc Registrar's Department, Goring-by-Sea, Worthing, West Sussex BN12 6DA or, by hand only, to Registrar's Department, Issue Section, 11 Bishopsgate, London EC2.

Pepys Street, London EC3N 4DA.

N to Si National Westminster Bank PLC New Issues Department, P.O. Box 79, 2 Princes Street London EC2P 2BD.

Sk to Z The Royal Bank of Scotland plc Registrar's Department, P.O. Box 435, 8 Bankhead Crossway North, Edinburgh EH11 4BR or, by hand only, to New Issues Department, 24 Lombard Street, London EC3.

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OR TAKE IT BY HAND TO ARRIVE BEFORE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON TUESDAY, 2ND DECEMBER, 1986 at any U.K. branch of National Westminster Bank PLC, Bank of Scotland, or Ulster Bank Limited.

ADDITIONAL RECEIVING CENTRES (open for deliveries by hand until 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 3rd December, 1986):

Dundee Bank of Scotland, 11-19 Reform Street, Dundee. The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, 40 Albyn Place, Aberdeen. Edinburgh
The Royal Bank of Scotland pic,

Ulster Bank Limited. Investment Div., 88-90 High Street, Belfast. National Westminster Bank PLC, 103 Colmore Row, Birmingham.

Brighton Linyds Bank Pic, 171473 North Street,

Bristol National Westminster Bank PLC. 32 Corn Street, Bristol.

Cambridge Lloyds Bank Plc, 3 Sidney Street, Cambridge. Cardiff

National Westminster Bank PLC 117 St. Mary Street, Cardiff. Channel Islands Lloyds Bank Plc.

9 Broad Street. St. Helier, Jersey. National Westminster Bank PLC, 35 High Street, St. Peter Port, Guernsey,

34 Fettes Row, Edinburgh.

Glasgow Bank of Scotland, 110 St. Vincent Street, The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, 98 Buchanan Street,

Inverness Bank of Scotland, 9 High Street, Inverness.

Barclays Bank PLC. 28 Park Row Leeds.

Liverpool Barclays Bank PLC. 4 Water Street Liverpool. Mancheste

55 King Street. Newcastle upon Tyne Barclays Bank PLC, Collingwood Street, Newcastle upon Tyne.

National Westminster Bank PLC.

Northampton Midland Bank plc, 3 Wood Hill. Northampton.

Barclays Bank PLC, Bank Plain, Norwich.

Nottingham Barclays Bank PLC, Old Market Square, Nottingham. Oxford Midland Bank plc.

65 Commarket Street, Plymouth Midland Bank plc,

Plymouth. Sheffield Midland Bank plc, Market Place, Sheffield.

4 Old Town Street,

Shrewsbury Midland Bank plc, 33 High Street,

Lloyds Bank Pic,

Using the middle column of the table above, put in Box 3 (in figures) the

Payment is in three instalments. The second instalment of 45p per stare is payable by 3 p.m. on 9th June, 1987 and the final instalment of 40p per share by 3 p.m. on 19th April, 1988. You will be sent a reminder about the second and

For bill vouchers, put "YES" in Box A. For the share bonus, put "YES" in

If you complete both boxes you will be deemed to have applied for the share boous only. If you do not complete either hox you will not receive bill vouchers as the share bonus. Before making your choice, you should read the details of the special incentives set out in Section VIII of the Prospectus (including, if necessary, the arrangements for nominees' applications on behalf of others).

The application form may be signed by someone else on your behalf if he is duly authorised to do so, but he must enclose his power of attorney. A corporation must sign under the hand of a duly authorised official, whose

Only one application may be made for the benefit of any person. Criminal proceedings may be instituted against anyone knowingly making or authorising more than one application for the benefit of

Pin to Box 6 a cheque or bankers' draft for the exact amount you have entered in Box 3. Your cheque or bankers' draft must be made payable to "British Gas Share Offer". Please ensure that it is crossed and write

Your payment must relate solely to this application. No receipt will be issued. Your cheque or bankers' draft must be drawn in sterling on an account at a bankful branch in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man and must bear a United Kingdom bank sort code oumber in the top right hand corner. If you do not have a cheque account, you can obtain a cheque from your

An application may be accompanied by a cheque drawn by someone other than the applicant(s), but any moneys returned will be sent by cheque crossed "Not Negotiable A/C Pavee Only" in favour of the applicant(s).

You may apply jointly with up to three other people, provided each applicant is aged 18 or over. They should complete and sign Box 7. Power(s) of attorney must be enclosed if anyone is signing on behalf of any joint

You must return your completed application form, together with your cheque for the first instalment, so as to arrive by 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 3rd December, 1986.

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Old lion shows his teeth and awakens British pride

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carries the claw marks and the Somerset with the arthritic tissue damage of a thousand aches and pains which came combative encounters. In his with the trophies. day he was greatly feared as a man who could tear the competitive heart from opponents through sheer physical demand—but also as a great gentleman, a winner magnanimous enough to share his glory with the vanquished.

Even in these championships he has travelled with increasing discomfort through six straightforward, but lengthy, battles with severe bursitis in the feet. The solo "ghosting" sessions needed before every match to release stiffen every match to release stiffen.

tional championships, staged is never far away, on the all-transparent Perspex Of the last eight me court, specially moulded on the main event at Bristol, only the railbed of Brunel's famous three were seeded to be there, Great Western terminus at and five of them have current Temple Meads Station. He or historic connections to has played six matches in two Barrington. The old lion for has played six matches in two days to reach finals against some reason finds little pragmousa. Helal today, and matic approval from the of-Mohammed Yasin, on Thursficial national structure, but day — a 36-year-old former his personal influence is Egyptian, and a 47-year-old strangely pervasive at these former Pakistani, both now of championships.

nament circuit, were battling most demanding of games.
In Zurich last night, the greying, but far from toothless, Jonah Barrington, was Barrington, whose many vic-

and commitment as much as skill. The old Cornwall-born, Barrington is 45 now. He Irish warrior now lives in Even in these champion-

At Bristol he is still alive in ing joints have extended both the over-35 and over-45 round by round. The official sections of the InterCity naphysiotherapist, Brian Gant,

Of the last eight men left in

BASKETBALL

Cup draw gauntlet for leading rivals

memorable cup final of all would he kept apart for a possible repeat at the Afbert Hall on December 15 ended yesterday when the draw for the Prudential national cup semi-

Team Polycell Kingston and Sharp Manchester United, who o 1985 became the first teams to the final to go into overtime before Kingston won - were paired together to the second semi-final to be played at Bir-mingham on Sunday when the

plorers in the first semi-final, there should be no likelihood of there should be no liketinood of the cup final proving an anti-climar, which has been the case on five of the eight occasions.

With Brown, their versatile American, back from his broken after which their victory, by 94jaw, assuming he comes through tomorrow's Carlsberg national league game at HomeSpare Bolton safely, United will be

By Nicholas Harling Hopes that the two clubs and it doesn't matter whether which featured in the most we get them now or in the final." Whelton, who also has Penny back to fall fitness after a wrist fracture, was at Bracknell on Saturday to see the latest demonstration of Kingston's re-sources when the cup holders descated Happy Eater Bracknell 113-102 in their quarter-final

"We've had some great games with them and I'm sure this will be another," he added.

Kingston's progress was seldom in doubt although Andrew, semi-final to be played at Birmingham on Sunday when the draw was made in the first of can kept his side in contemion with 21 points. Even with the Channel 4's Go 4 lt four-part series.

The consolation is that with the formidable Portsmooth in the formidable Portsmooth in the formidable formidable portsmooth in four trouble, the closest Bracknell came to making them really sweat was six points.

The big abook came earlier with the transformation of 81, was assured.

London, victors by 11 points Bolton safely, United will be in a league game between the lougher opponents than two weeks ago when Kingston defeated them by nine points in a impetus when Politi, so accurate first division when kingston in a league game between the clubs seven weeks ago and previously unbeaten, lost their impetus when Politi, so accurate first division game.
"Oh wow, it certainly will be labour. "Even the most talented team in the world will struggle if they can't put it together," said that you've got to beat Kingston if you're going to win the cup behind his team's triumph.



Vivien Saunders: her expensive purchase has put an end to the days of sex discrimination

Golf club changes hands to the birthday girl for £1m

New owner wastes no time putting her privilege to use

Vivien Saunders yesterday gave the well-worn locker room joke about buying a golf club another twist when she because the new owner of the Eynesbury Hardwick Club south of St Neots on the Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire border. The former British Wossen's Open champion celebrated her fortieth birthday with a £Imillion investment."I haven't got any partners apart from the Midland Bank!" she said.

Then Miss Samders, who

Then Miss Samuel club-throwing amateur into a pioneer of the British women's pioneer of the British women a professional game, kept faith with the ladies' privilege by making her first duty that of changing the club's name. Eynesbury Hardwick sounds appalling, From new on it will be called the Abbotsley Golf and Somach Club."

Golf and Squash Club."

Abbotsley is the next village along the road from the club which comprises an 18-hole golf course, constructed during the 1970s, a floodlit-covered driving range, with another 20 acres of "It also has a six-bed-varied listed farmhouse, part of which sameers anded. "That part of it will be too big a commercial project for me, so another concers will be involved."

The purchase of the club marks the start of another exciting golding chapter in the life of the mercurial Miss.

Sanuders. Ten years ago she abandoned plans to become a club professional after being club professional rejected 26 times. rejected 26 times.

Miss Saunders, who turned professional in 1969, after obtaining Curtis Cup bouours, had become the first British player to earn playing privileges on the US circuit and the first woman to qualify through the PGA training school. She also has a BSc and PhD in psychology and a Masters degree in

ogy and a Masters degree in business administration. The credentials were perfect were awayed by her sex. She even sued one club under the Sex rimination Act, althou lost a claim for compen

Onlte recently Mickey Walker and Jenny Lee Smith, both leading professionals on the Women's PGA circuit, entered the predominantly male world of the club golf professional but as Miss Saunders and "Beach in 1975, in was said: "Back in 1975 it was mathiakable for a woman to hold such a job.
"So I retrained and qualified

as a solicitor. I wanted to be a tax lawyer but I got sidetracked into being a divorce lawyer. But when two of my retained clients committed suicide I decided that I could no longer take that kind of responsibility of peoples' lives. I saw the golf chib advertised in Country Life; it was the perfect chance to devote my energies once again to golf."

Miss Saunders, who has written several important books on
the sport including "The Complete Woman Golfier" and "The Golfing Mind", is now the National Coack to the English

National Coach to the English Ladies' Golf Association,
"I will be working full time at Abbotsley from early next month," she added. "I want to develop it into a national training centre, although I vespect that it is a members chab first and foresters."

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Record satisfaction for Poupon

Paris (AP) — Philippe or Poupon, the Frenchman in the British-designed Fleury Michon trimaran, crossed the finish line in Pointe-a-Pitre, Guadaloupe, carly yesterday to win the Route du Rhum Transatlantic single-handed race in record time.

Poupon covered the 4,225 miles from St Malo in France in 14 days 15hr 57min 15sec to smash Marc Pajot, the French Kiss America's Cup skipper's mark of 18 days and libr in 1982.

Loic Caradec, France's lead
In the pointer of France, disappeared after his catamaran overturned between Portugal and the Azonts during the race and is presumed dead, while storms forced Eric Tabarly to abandon his damaged yacht for the first time in his long career.

Poupon covered the 4,225 miles from St Malo in France in 1978, and the race from the fifth day to ease his disappointment in the 1984 British Transatlantic single-handed race to New York when he crossed the line first, world crewed race.

VOLLEYBALL press on

Polonia, who play the leading Italian side Panini Modena in the first round of the European Cup, are responding well to the eastern European techniques introduced by their new Polish coach, Eddie Len, this season. The London side travel to Milan for the first leg on December 6, with the return match at the Dormers Wells Sports Centre in Southall on December 13, and can hardly expect to progress further against one of the top four seeds. But although the European ven ture will be a costly one, the chil is determined to broaden its

The team manager, Zbigniew Behnke, explained: "It cost us £2,200 for the preliminary round matches against the Norwegian champions and this round is likely to cost us the same. But we feel that English volleyball is at the stage when it's beginning to improve at a slow rate and we need to compete internationally to improve our game." At the weekend, Polonia de-feated Cupital City and Spark Cook Log in the English League, both 3-0, but Speedwell Rusanor

lost their unbeaten record with a surprise 3-1 defeat by Liverpool City, following a 3-2 win over Dragonara Leeds.

The Speedwell coach, Steve Nuth, conceded: "We did not also will in one of over address."

play well in any of our weekend matches. In fact, we were lucky to win against Leeds as we were 9-1 down in the final set."

Speedwell eventually won 15-

In the Royal Bank Scottish League, MIM Livingston also lost their unbeaten record, going down to East Kilbride 3-2 after leading 2-0. The champions, Krystal Klear from Ardrossan, defeated Belishill 3-0 to boost their title boops and they meet

Polonia to in Europe

21, 28; 3, FC Tirol, 21, 28.

BELGIAN: La Gambies 2, Waregem 1; Charlemi, 1 FC Bruges 0; Andersecht 3, FC Liege 1; Beveran 2, Royal Antwerp 1; Berchem, 0; W Masines 2; Seraing 1, Recong Jet 0; Courtria 1; Loiceren 3; RWO Molenbeek 1, Beerschot 1; Cercle Bruges 1, Standard Liege 1, Lusading positions; 1, Andersecht, played 12, 27; points; 2, Bruges, 12, 19; 3, Loiceren, 12, 17; DUTCH; Radda JC Kentrande 4, GO Ahead Eagles Deventer 0; FC Groningen 1, SC Viendam 1; FC Twente Enschede, 1 Forman Stitsrd 0; FC Den Bosch 2, AZ Altmaar 2; Feyenbord Rotterdam 1, FC Ubrucht; 1; FC Den Hoag 2; PSV Endsoven 6; Excelsior Rotterdam 1, WVV Venilo 2; PEC Zwolle 0, Alex Amsterdam 1, Leeding positions; 1, PSV, played 16, 28 points; 2, Ajax, 16, 29; 3, Feyenbord, 16, 20.

Trallant: Brescia 2, Torino 0; Como 1, inter 1; Florentina 2, Roma 1; Juvenius 2, Azisinta 0; Milan 2, Aveilino 0; Napoli 4, Empoli 0; Udinese 0, Sempdota 0; Verona 2, Ascoli 1, Leeding positions: 1, Napoli, played 10, 16 points; 2, Juvenius, 10, 14; 3, Inter, 10, 13.

FOOTBALL

Agnelli favours more imported players in Italy

AC Milan's decision to release Ray Wilkins and Mark Hateley Ray Wilkins and Mark Hateley at the end of the season comes, ironically, in the wake of an appeal by Gianni Agnelli, the Fiai car magnate whose family own Juvenius, to increase from two to three the number of foreign players allowed to play for an Italian club.

"Frontiers must be reconned."

for an Italian club.

"Frontiers must be reopened to improve the current technical level in the Italian championship," is Agnelli's contentious belief, challenging as it does the more widely held view that the presence of overseas "stars" is doing exactly the opposite — preventing Italians from establishing themselves at the top clubs. the top clubs.

Italy's relatively poor showing in the World Cup finals in Mexico was blamed by some on the lack of indigenous midfield talent. A generation of players was being held back, it was felt, by the presence in Italian football of the bikes of Maradona, Platini, Bonick, Zico, Rummenigge, Wilkins, Souness, Brady and Fibiner. Brady and Elkjaer.

Businessman that he is, Agnelli clearly believes that this sort of competition can only be for the good of the game in his country. The Italian Football country. The Italian Football Federation seem to be coming round to his view. Their ban on overseas imports is to be lifted next year and they are considering allowing three foreigners to play io the same team.

Not surprisingly, it is the big clubs - with their huge financial

ARGENTRIJAN: Racing (Cordoba) 3, Ferro Carril Cesse 0; Deportivo Italiano 0, Estudiantes de la Plata 0; Boca Juniors 0, Newell's Old Boys 3; Velez Sarsfield 0, Instituto (Cordoba) 2; Patense 1, Independiente 3; Racing Club 2; River Plate 2; Talienes (Cordoba) 1, Deportivo Espanol 0; Rosano Central 2; San Lorenzo de Almagro 1; Girmesia Esgrima La Plata 1, Temperley 0; Argentinos Juniors 3, Union 3.

AUSTRIAN: Sturm Graz 2, Witener 1; Rapid 4, Eleonstadt 2; Vienna 1, GAK 0; Admira/Wacter, 4 LASK 1; VOEST, 2 FC Tirol 2, Landing poelilones 1, Austria Wien, played 21, 31; 2, Rapid, 21, 28; 3, FC Tirol, 21, 28.

Agnelli, however, believes there are bargains around, and as an example points to the purchase of Ekstrom, the Swedish forward, by Empoli, a small-town club promoted to the first division this season, for £200,000. The impending arrival of lar Rush at Juventus certainly seems to have acted as a good or Serena, the club's international forward. He scored one goal and laid oo the other in the 2-1 victory by Juventus over At-alanta on Sunday, but afteralanta on Sunday, but atter-wards lamented: "I always have to fight to keep my place in the team. The fans here don't love me as they know that when Rush arrives at the end of the season I could well leave." Juventus's victory keeps them

said, aged the ab-PC

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in second place, two points behind Napoli, whose triumphant form continued with a 4-0 win at home to Empoli.

resources — who are supporting the idea, while the smaller ones lear they will be squeezed out.

Udinese also found plenty to celebrate in a goalless draw against Sampdoria; the result meant they had finally wiped clean the slate after starting the season with a nine-point deficit arising from their involvemen

in game-fixing.

It was a good weekend for 10-men sides in Spain. Barcelona had Migueli sent off but still beat Real Sociedad 1-0 to stay top, while Real Madrid's challenge faltered when Valladolid, for the University of the stay top. for whom Hierro was dismisse held them to a 1-1 draw.

OVERSEAS LEAGUE RESULTS

Fast Germant Dynamo Berlin 3, Stahl Brandenburg 0; Energie Cottleus 1, FC Magdeburg 2; Karl Manx Stadt 2, Fortschrift Beschoftswerda 1; Vorweens Frankfurt 0, Carl Zees Jens D; Rot-Wess; Erfurt 0, Lokomotive Leozig 0; Dynamo Dresden, 4 Wismul Aue 1; Sunti Aless 3, Linon Berlin, phayed 11, 18 points; 2, Lokomotive Leozig, 11, 18; 3, Karl Manx Stadt, 11, 15.

FRENCH: Mice 1, Recing Ctub Paris 0; Narias 1, Mett 0; Rennes 0, Saint Elterne 0; Bordeaux 1, Brest 2; Socheux 2, Auxerre 2; Le Havre 2, Laval 1; Nancy 2, Toulouse 0; Peris Saint Germain 0, Monaco 1; Levis 3, Marsadle 0; Toulon 1, Like 0, Leading positions: 1, Bordeaux, played 18, 25 ponts; 2, Marsedle, 18, 25; 3, Mcneco, 18, 22.

GREEK: Olympiakos 2. Off 1; PAOK Salonika 1, Kalamana 1; Arls Salonika 1, Harakis 0; Yanina 1; Prinathineakos 0; Larissa 0, AEK Athens 1; Diagorias 2. Ethnikos 3; Panionios 0, Doxa 0; Veria 3 Apollon 1. Leading positioas: 1, Olympiakos, played 8, 12 points; 2, PAOK Salonika, 8, 12; 3, Herakis, 8, 11.

14, 22 porms; 2, Grasshoppers, 14, 21; 3, 50n, 14, 19.

WEST GERMAN: Homburg 1, Bayer Leverhouse 2; Walchof Merament 1, Bayer Leverhouse 2; Walchof Merament 1, Bau-Weiss Berlin 1; FC Cologne 2, Kasserslautert 2; Fortuna Dusseldort 1, Borussia Morchengladhach 1; Borussia Dortmund 2, Werder Brennen 1; Schake 0, Bochum D. Stettgert 4; Ehrzecht Franchert 1; Bayer Leverhusen, payed 15, 22 points; 2, Bayer Musich, 15, 21; 3, Hamburg, 15, 20.

YUGOSLAV: Spartalk Subotica 0, Sampson 0; Diremo Virkovica 2, Volce Mostar 1; Buducnost Trograd 2, Fladinski Nis 0; Sloboda Tuzia 1, Vardar Skopie 1; Calik Zaruca 3, Supeska Niksie 1; Rijeks 2, Rad Star Betgrade 1; Ornamo Zagrab 1, Pristina 1; Zeigznicar Sarzievo 3, Osjok 1, Leading positionas; 1, Vardar, played 14, 19 points; 2, Velez, 14, 14; 3, Paruzan, 14, 14 (Velez and Parizan octo paralizad by sax points at start of season after

Law 5th edition (1894) article 50, that an attempt to commit a

intent to commit that crime and

forming part of a series of acts

which would constitute its ac-

However, as Lord Parker poioted out in *Davy v Lee* ([1968] 1 QB 366, 370), Stephen's definition fell short of

defining the exact point of time at which the series of acts could

be said to begin.
The words of the 1981 Act

sought to steer a mid-way course. They did not provide, as they might have done, that the

Eagleton test was to be followed:

or that, as Lord Diplock sug-gested, the defendant must have

reached a point from which it was impossible for him to retreat before the actus reus of

On the other hand, the words

gave, perhaps, as clear a guid-

ance as was possible in the circumstances on the point of time at which Stephen's "series

of acts" began when the merely preparatory acts came to an and and the defendant embarked on

the crime proper. When that was would depend, of course, on the

facts in any particular case.

The conviction was quashed.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution

an attempt was proved.

interrupted.

Queen's Bench Divisional Court

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Court of Appeal

Difference between evidence Bid to distract dogs in race not attempted theft

and information Enaas v Dovey Before Lord Justice May and Mr

[Judgment November 24] The reference to "evidence" in section 28(1)(a) of the Immigration Act 1971 meant something more than the information given to a police officer over the telephone.

Consequently, it was not appropriate for a police officer

to conclude he had sufficient evidence to justify instituting proceedings under section 24(1)(b)(i) of the 1971 Act, which related to the prosecution of n person overstaying the limited leave given to remain in the UK, until he had written proof from the Home Office confirming the person's status.

The Queen's Bench Di-visional Court so held when it dismissed the appeal of the defendant, Fadel Sadeq Enass. ocientatili, raths sages among against the decision of the Donesster Acting Stipendiary Magistrate on April 22, 1986, when he convicted the definition of the decision of the dant of an offence of remaining in the UK. beyond the time permitted by his leave, contrary to section 24(1)(b)(i) of the 1971 Act. The defendant was sen-tenced to 56 days' imprison-

Section 28(1) of the 1971 Act provides: "Where the offence is one to which, under section 24 ... an extended time limit for prosecutions is to apply, then —
(a) an information relating to
the offence may be tried by a
magistrates' court if it is laid... not more than two months after the date certified by a chief officer pf police to he the date on which evidence sufficient to justify proceedings came to the notice of an officer of his police

Mr Bruce McIntyre for the tlefendant; Mr Peter Kelson for the prosecutor,

LORD JUSTICE MAY said that the defendant, who trav-elled on a Libyan passport and had entered the UK in 1981, was telused a further extension on his leave to remain.

On January 31, 1986, the prosecutor received information from the Home Office about the defendant, including the date on hich his leave had expired, and that he had thereafter remained without leave. The prosecutor wisely requested written details confirming the information. That was done by the Home Office by providing a written statement dated February 12, 1986, which showed evidence of

the defendant's status in the Upon that information the chief officer of police certified, pursuant to section 28(1)(a). that "evidence sufficient to justify proceedings" first came to the notice of an officer on February 14 when the letter from the Home Office was received, and an information

was preferred against the defen-dant on April 12. Mr McIntyre submitted that there was no proper distinction between the oral information received by the police officer over the relephone and the written information, and that the police could and should have begun proceedings before they received the written

Mr Kelson said that no police authority could start proceed-ings merely on information received over the telephone, the magistrate was right to conclude the certificate of the chief officer was accurate that no sufficient evidence had been received until the letter from the Home

His Lordship accepted that the Act did not provide that the certificate should be absolute evidence of the facts stated in it, so that in appropriate circumstances it was permissible to go behind it.

in R v Osbourne ([1973] QB 678. 688), where the facts were very different from the instant case. Lord Justice Lawton drew a clear distinction between mere information coming to the knowledge of the police and the situation where they had enough

The question for the mag-istrate was whether on all the material before him the decision of the chief officer was reasonable or not; if it was not, the certificate could not be valid; if it was, then the certificate should be upheld.

As the liberty of the subject was involved, it was also a matter for the present court to ask whether it had been shown that the decision exemplified in the certificate was or was not

In his Lordship's view, there was a real difference between what was only information and what was evidence, and the magistrate was right to conclude that the reference to "evidence" in section 28(1)(a) did mean something more than information given to a police officer over the telephone; he was right, also, in his conclusions on the

Mr Justice Russell agreed. Solicitors: Cohen Jackson Scott & Simon, Stockton-on-Tees; Crown Prosecution Ser-vice, Sheffield.

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief
Justice, Mr Justice Kennedy and
Mr Justice Owen

a person for an offence under section 1 above, there is evidence sufficient in law to support a finding that he did not be support as finding that he [Judgment November 20]

A man who backed a grey-hound which he saw would not win was not guilty of attempted theft by jumping on the track and trying to distract the doss, knowing that if they were dis-tracted, the stewards would declare "no race" and bookmakers would have to return all The Court of Appeal so held

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment allowing an appeal by Ian John Gullefer, aged 23. of Chadwell Heath, Essex, from conviction at Snaresbrook Crown Court (Judge Stable, QC and a jury) of attempted theft of an £18 stake, for which he was sentenced to six months, impostroment six months' imprisonment.

Section I(I) of the Criminal Attempts Act 1981 provides "If with an intent to commit an offence . . . a person does an act which is more than merely preparatory to the commission of the offence, he is guilty of

attempting to commit the Section 4(3) provides:
"Where, in proceedings against

Witness became ill

Regina v Stretton . Regina v McCallina

Where a witness who complained of sexual assaults be-came incapable through illness of giving further evidence after she had given evidence-in-chief and had been cross-examined for some hours, the trial judge had n discretion to allow the

the evidence she had given. The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Lawton, Mr Justice Mi-chael Davies and Mr Justice Roch) so held on November 18 when dismissing the appeals of Michael John Stretton and Graham Raymond McCallion against their convictions on March 19, 1986 in Lewes Crown Court (Judge Gower, QC and a jury the clearest possible warn-jury). Both were convicted of ing as to how they were to false imprisonment and in addi-tion Stretton was coovicted of unusual situation.

attempted rape and McCallion of indecent assault. LORD JUSTICE LAWTON said that the main point which had arisen on this appeal was The real issue in the case wa whether what undoubtedly did

happen happened with the con-When there was evidence that it would be medically and forensically impossible for her to go back into the witness box or to be called as a witness in a new trial it was accepted by counsel that that situation was one for the exercise of the judge's discretion. The judge decided to allow the trial to go on, but gave the jury the clearest possible warn-

of that section, the question whether or not his act fell within that subsection is a question of Mr Ian Copeman, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Ap-peals, for the appellant, Mr Vivian Robinson, QC, for the

support a finding that he did an act falling within subsection (1)

The LORD CHIEF JUS-TICE, giving the judgment of the court, said that the trial judge certified that the case was fit for appeal on the ground that a submission was made that

the action alleged as constituting the attempt (as to which there was no dispute, because his action was filmed on video tape, which the jury and I saw) could not amount to an attempt to steal, even if the jury were satisfied that what the defendant did was done with the object of dishonestly receiving a sum of money equivalent to his stake from a bookmaker."

The appellant had attended the greyhound racing stadium at Romford and, during the last race, as the does rounded the

race, as the dogs rounded the final bend, he climbed the fence oo to the track in front of the dogs, waving his arms and attempting to distract them. His efforts were only marginally successful, and the stewards decided that it was imnecessary to declare "no race".

Had they made such a declaration, by the rules, the bookmakers would have been bookmakers would have been obliged to repay the amount of his stake to any punter but would not have been liable to pay any winnings to those punters who would have been successful if the race had been valid. The appellant, when interviewed by the police, said that he boped that by his actions the

dogs would be distracted, that

the stewards would declare "no

fore recover his stake In the light of their Lordshins' decision on the main ground of appeal it was unnecessary for them to inquire whether Mr Copeman had properly abandoned grounds of appeal that the property which was the subject of the alleged attempted theft was not "property belong-ing to another" within the meaning of the Theft Act 1968 and that, even if he had successfully completed his plan and recovered the £18, that would not have amounted to an "appropriation of property belonging to another".

The main burden of counsel's submission on appeal was that the acts proved to have been carried out by the appellant were not "sufficiently proximate to the completed offence of theft to be capable of comprising an attempt to commit theft". The judge's task was to decide whether there was evidence on

which a jury could reasonably conclude that the defendant had gone beyond the realm of mere preparation and had embarked on the actual commission of the if not, the judge had to withdraw the case from the jury. If there was such evidence, it was then for the jury to decide whether the defendant did in

fact go beyond mere prepara-That was the way in which the judge had approached the case. He ruled that there was sufficient evidence. Mr Copeman submitted that the ruling was wrong.
The court's first task was to

apply the words of the Act to the facts of the case. Was the appellant still in the stage of preparadon to commit the substantive offence, or was there a basis of fact which would have entitled the jury to say that he had embarked on the theft itself? Might it properly be said that, when be jumped on to the track, he was trying to steal £18 from the bookmaker? Their Lordsbips' view was

that it could not properly be said that, at that stage, be was in the process of committing theft. What he was doing was jumping on to the track in an effort to distract the dogs, which in its turn, be hoped, would have the effect of forcing the stewards to declare no race", which would in its turn give him the opportu-mity to go back to the book-maker and demand the £18

There was insufficient evidence for it to be said that he had, when he jumped on to the track, gone beyond mere preparation.
Sections 1(1) and 4(3) of the

1981 Act seemed to be a blend of various decisions, some of with others. As appeared from R v Ilyas ((1984) 78 Cr App R 17), there seemed to have been two lines of authority. The first was exemplified by R v Eagleton ((1854) 5 Dears CC 515, 538) where

Baron Park, delivering the judg-ment of a court of nine judges, "Acts remotely leading to-wards the commission of an offence are not to be considered as an attempt to commit it, but acts immediately connected with it are ... But, on the statement in this case, no other act on the part of the defendant would have been required. It was the last act, depending on was the last act, depending on himself... (which) ought to be considered as an attempt".

10 DPP v Stonehouse ([1978] AC 55. 68). Lord Diplock, having quoted part of the passage from Eagleton, added: "In other words the offender must have correct the Publican and

have crossed the Rubicon and burnt his boats". The other line of authority was based on a passage in Solicitors Crown Stephen's Digest of the Criminal Service, Sparesbrook

Ouster order is drastic An ousier order was a drastic step only to be used in cases of real emergency, not simply as a routine stepping-stone on the way to a divorce, and only on the ground that the marriage had broken down and the

matrimonial bome had become

Where, however, such an

order was made, it should take effect as soon as possible, unless there were very compelling rea-

sons to the contrary. The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Lloyd and Lord Justice eight weeks to vacate the premises following an ouster order against him, and substituting for that period two weeks from the date of the appeal decision.

said that an ouster order should week or two, and not be left hanging over a man's head as a threat to bring him to his senses or, in the judge's words, as a "dose of cold water".

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LORD JUSTICE LLOYD

The court would not counte-Nicholls) so held on November nance any such creature as an 24. allowing an appeal by the petitioner from the decision of Judge White on November 12. "ouster order nisi" and if that had been the judge's intention be had been wrong.

Half Free can collect a worthy consolation

have stood their ground for Peter Scudamore, gave Westthe Peterborough Chase at era Sunset 2lb and a length Huntingdon today, spectators and a half beating in the are guaranteed a marvellous Haldon Gold Cup. spectacle as that small field comprises those exciting companion Malys Mal went looked capable of scaling jumpers, Half Free, Voo

Trappe and Western Sunset. When analysing this fascinating clash between these top chasers it is pertinent to Half Free's class ought to be point out that in recent years Fred Winter has amassed considerable first-hand knowledge aboot the sort likely to win this event having already dooe so with Carved Opal in 1984, just a year after watching another of his good horses Fifty Dollars More go under by the narrowest margin to

Wayward Lad Once again, I feel that it will prove worthwhile following the master of Uplands wheo he saddles Half Free this afternoon.

On reflection, no one should know better than Winter whether his gallaot runner-up in this year's Mackerson Gold Cup is capable of beating his two rivals. In recept weeks his own stable has supplied the horses who have either beaten or just beeo beaten by Von Trappe and Western Sunsel

For instance, at Devon and jockey Hywel Davies can still for swans, Rising Forest of Exeter on November 11, hit the bullseye earlier with to be given the benefit of Admiral's Cup. ridden by Treyford (1.0) and Care (2.0). doubt this afternoon.

Although only three runners Winter's new stable jockey

down to Von Trappe by a similar margin at Wincanton but when io receipt of 10lb.

capable of giving Voo Trappe and Western Sunset 81b now. What Half Free's fine sec-

certaioly as good as ever if oot Heodersoo at Hereford. actually better, even at the age of almost 11. For first time out at Wincanton this seasoo he had beaten Kathies Lad by four lengths at level weights.
At Cheltenham though he had the same horse a further six lengths behind io third place when Kathies Lad was in

No matter how Western Sunset fares in the main race, his owner Simon Saiosbury, trainer Tim Forster and

2.30 Tsarelia. 5.00 HALF FREE (nap). 3.30 Breakfast Car.

Hoyes 0 99 F3-1

. M Hond (7) 88 6-1

8 de Hean 95 7-4 N Oevies 9 98 F5-6 P Double 92 10-1

P Scalemore
K Barke (4)
D Marphy
R Stronge

- 7-2 - 8-1

HUNTINGDON

Selections

Michael Seely's selection: 1.00 Treyford.

11-3313 BROKEN WING (B,CD,SF) (Furlong Bros Ltd) N Henderson 6-11-11 S Smith Eccles
3 1-0221F OGDEN YORK (D) (Rmish Thoroughbred PLC) J Francome 5-11-11 ... B de Haad
4 0/02F4-1 TREYFORD (S Sansbury) 7 Forster 6-11-11 ... H Devices
5 31PQ ALLEN LAD (Shekin As Abu Khannsin) F Winter 7-11-4 ... P Scullaneore

5 31P0/ ALLEN LAD (Shelich Als Abu Khamshin) F Winter 7-11-4 P Sculdimone 6 P0)030F- ALSRI (H Harper-Crewe) P Harms 7-11-4 R Stronge 8 0042F-3 BOARDMANS VALUE (A Lester) C Trietline 6-11-4 J Suttern COLOUGHTER (N J Robarts) J Webber 5-11-4 O Mernagh 1 00/3PU-4 COYOR (8 Chambers) R Bistoney 6-11-4 Judy Bhakeney (7) 13 422/000 FADA (8 Broad) J Bostey 9-11-4 Mer C Pagent 14 Booof-P- FJORDBOO (6 Balding) G Sahding 8-11-4 A Charittan (7) 9 0/P000-2 PHYMER'S TOWER (6 Hubbard 7-11-4 Mise G Armytage (7) 404/F4- LIQUER CANDY (Mrs A C Watchamt J Webber 7-10-13 G Mernagh 24 P0PPP-P QUALITARI PRINCESS (Ouslitar Engineering Ltd) K Stone 5-10-13. J D Devis (7)

1985: (2m 40 HORN OF PLENTY 6-11-4 P Barton 5-2 J Edwards 8 ran

FORM BROKEN WING (11-5) was not at his best when 17½ 3rd to Masterplan (11-0) at Stratford (2m 151670, good, Oct 25. 11 ran). On penulamate start OGDEN YORK (11-6) was flattered by the winning distance when beating Gowlen's (11-15) a long way at Market Rasen (2m 5½, 51558, good to firm. Sept 27. 4 ran). TREYFORD (11-5) not extended to beat Gay Rassal (11-6) 4 at Wanniek (2m 4½, 15167, good, Nov 15, 18 ran). ALLEN LAD (11-0) last successful when beating Sedge (10-0) 2 at Towcester (2m Nov Hur, £736, soft, Jan 85, 15 ran). BOARDMANS VALUE (11-0) 18½ 3rd to Firoworks Night (11-0) at Leicester (3m, £1881, good to firm, Nov 17, 8 ran). Reference (11-3) 81 2nd to Royal Gambit (11-3) here (3m, £1860, good, Nov 15, 7 ran). Selection: TREYFORD

1985: No corresponding race

FORM TROJAN 600 never really got going behind Whither Goest Thou in handicap company. Previously (11-0) best Solitaire (10-13) 11 in a Plumpton seller (2m. 2768, firm, Oct 15, 4 ran). POREVER MD (10-3) put up best effort at Devon last season when beaters 4 by Alcazzeta (10-3) in a seller over 2m 11 (2641, good to soft, Apr 4, 14 ran). Previously PATRALAN (9-13) had FOREVER MD (10-4) back in 7th when he finished 201 2nd to Sexton Ash (10-2) at Fortwell (2m 2t, 2960, good, Mar 18, 14 ran). TAYLORS RENOVATION still looked as though he would benefit from latest run. Last season (10-5) won a Donicaster seller by 61 from Nr Chris Gateanx (10-10) (2m 150yd, 21551), good, Dec 14, 77 ran) with PATRALAN (10-3) back in 8th. HALLOWED (10-5) was seen to best advantage at Stratford, beaten 171 into 4th behind Parang (11-2) in a rounded (2m. 2755, firm, Sept 8, 14 ran). L'ETONE DU PALAIS (10-5) 7th to Arrow Express (10-6) at Windsor (2m 30y, 2810, good, Nov 8, 20 ran) with MISS VENEZUELA (10-5) always behind. Selections TROJAN GOO

2.0 BBC RADIO CAMBRIDGESHIRE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,984: 3m) (4 runners)

1985: GREENWOOD LAD 8-11-13 Mr T Grentham (11-10 jt-fav J Gifford 3 ran

1010-30 LUCKY REW (C) (Mrs M S Teversham) T Bulgin 11-11-10 P033-1 CARE (S Sandury) 7 Portor 10-11-6 (Pext 10-11-6 Pext 10-11-6 Pext 10-11-6 Pext 10-11-6 Pext 10-11-10 P13-11-11-10 P13-11-10 P13-11

1.30 HOUGHTON SELLING HURDLE (£1,161: 2m 100yd) (14 runners) 000-115 TROJAN GOD (S Ocklord-Brocke) J Filich-Heyes 4-11-13 Penny Filed

0000-0 COCKALORUM (7 A Waterom) K Morgan 4-11-8 00F3P0 FOREVER MO (A Waterom) R Hoad 4-11-8 OEB, DE TIGRE (B) (G R Jones) O Gracey 4-11-8 0003- PATRALAN (Commeder R Maddon) W Musson 4-11-8

9003- PATRALAN (Commeder R Maddon) W Musson 4-11-5 - 900-UBU TAYLORS RENOVATION (BF) (J Ross) H Whiting 4-11-8 - 34200F HALLOWED (BF) (F A Pritchard) P Pritchard 4-11-3 - 90-00 MOUINT EPHRAIM (B) (B) Dison) G Harman 4-11-3 - 90-10 MISS HA (Cox Moore & Co) A Jarvis 3-10-10 - 90-10 MISS VENEZUELA (Mrs S Curley) 8 Curley 8-10-10 - 90-10 MISS VENEZUELA (Mrs S Popovict) B Stevens 3-10-5 - 90-10 MISS VENEZUELA (Mrs S Popovict) B MISS VENEZUELA

D TANAGON (H O'Nell) H O'Nell 3-10-5.

Going: good (chase course); good to soft (hurdles)

1.0 NETHERKELLY NOVICE CHASE (£1,435; 2m 5f) (13 runners)

Both won first time out. Treyford scored at Warwick. more easily than the judge's verdict of four lengths might suggest while Care was Two days later, his stable successful at Newbury. Both greater heights.

Now that Sip of Orange, Corbitt Coins and Page of Gold have dropped by the wayside unexpectedly, the EBF Elms Stud Novices Hurdle looks at the mercy of The Tsarevich's younger sister ond to Very Promising in the Mackeson showed is that he is champion traiocr Nicky Tsarella, a recent scorer for

At Wetherby few will be prepared to back Rising Forest at odds-on to win the Yaux Breweries Novices' Chase (Qualifier) following that unmitigated disaster eight days ago at Leicester where he made a mistake at the secood fence which obviously un-Time may show that Half Free was facing an impossible task that day transpossible

consolation prize is nothing his assertion that this lightly more than he deserves today and he is my nan However, if his trainer Alliance Novices' Chase at Cheheoham io March, and Fitzgerald is not a person guilty of mistaking his geese for swans, Rising Forest ought to be given the benefit of the



Half Free, who has two opponents for today's Peterborough Chase at Huntingdon

Guide to our in-line racecard 103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM (CD,BF) (Mrs J Ryley) B Hall 9-10-0 ... Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure and distance wrinter. BF-beaten favourite in latest form (F-fet). P-pulled up. U-urseated rider. B-brought down. S-elepped up. R-refused). Horse's weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times name (B-binkers. V-visor, H-hood. E-Eyestreid, C-private Handicapper's rating. Approximate starting prics. 2.30 EBF ELMS STUD NOVICE HURDLE (Mares: £1,442: 2m 5f 50vd) (15 runners)

222-1 TSARELLA (Mrs C I Henty) N Henderson 4-71-5

000- BALLYANNACH (Mrs P Sty) Mrs P Sty 5-10-12

BARA PEG (R Greene) R Blakeney 5-10-12

40-P CELTIC BURN (B Helyer) T Forsier 6-10-12

P CHUCKLING LADY (S & Smith) S G Smith 6-10-12

00-0 CROCHAM STAR (F Lees) F Lees 5-10-12 \$ Scritt Eccles @ 99 F1-2 S Sentin Eccuse

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L Harvey (4) 7-1

A Gorman O Show 00040- EMBLANIZER (Lt-Colf Pain) C Trictine 7-10-12. 82 -88 t0-1 --- 14-1 NON RUMMER

MO- EMBANTIZER (LI-COM Pain) C Tristine 7-10-12.
200 GREAT AUNIT SALLY (BF) [L Phipps) T Badey 5-10-12.
AG- MARY KATE CYBRIEN (AITS & Curiey) & Curiey 5-10-12.
CO PORCHESTER RUN (N Ligitow) J Webber 4-10-12.
CO TUNION (F Porter) J Scalan 4-10-12.
CO WESSEX HABIT (P Bennott) T Forsier 5-10-12. 1985: (2m 4f) PRECEPICE MOSS 5-10-12 G Memagh (33-1) Mrs V McKe 19 ran

FORM TSARELLA (10-9) was a 3 winner at Hereford (2m, £1447, good to soft, Nov 11, 11 ran) last time.

BARA PEG (10-4) ran 7th to Ballon (10-09) in a Sandown N H Flat nee (2m, £1500, good, Nov 1, 11 ran) last time.

20 ran) with TURION (10-11) turber behind. Proviously TURION (10-2) won a Towcaster N H Flat race on hard ground (2m, £561, Oct 15, 3 ran). EMBANIZER (10-13) was 38 back in 4th to Fine To Go (11-7) at Southwell (2m, £1047, Apr 21, 12 ran). GREAT AUNT SALLY was off form last time. Previously (10-2) \$XI3 at Southwell (2m, £1047) at Chaptelow (2m, £1345, good to soft, Nov 1, 22 ran). MARY KATE (78REN (10-7) 144 th to Drybbeso (11-9) at Notingham (2m, £1341, good, Jan 21, 19 ran). \$XIEDMAGO (10-7) could not quicken when 32 and to Lastpham Bride (10-7) at Weitherby (2m, £737, firm, Oct 15, 8 ran) in a modest N H Flat race.

3.0 PETEROBOUGH CHASE (£5,640: 2m 5f) (3 runners)

1985: (2m 4f) THE MIGHTY MAC 10-11-5 G Bradley (6-4) Mrs M Dickeson 6 ran

FORM HALF PREE (12-4) lost little in defect when 21 2nd to Very Promising (11-13) in The Mackason' Gold Cup at Chellenham (2m 41 H'cap Ch, £14:395, good to firm, Nov 8, 11 ran). On perultimate start last season (11-6) had WESTERN SUNSET (11-9) 40 back in 3rd when winning The Cathcart Chasse, also at Chellenham (2m 41, £11:275, good), Mar (13, 0 ran). Von TRAPPE (11-7) put its jumping problems behind him when beating Cathch Phrase (10-7) 1% (at Wescartlon (2m St H'cap Ch, £4:277, good to soft, Nov 13, 6 ran). WISTERN SUNSET (11-6) 1% 2nd to Admiral's Cup (11-6) at Devon (2m 11, £5:228, soft, Nov 11, 4 ran) - will be better suited by potal's ton. better suited by today's trip. Selection: WESTERN SURSET

3.30 BROADSWORD NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,392: 2m 100yd) (16 runners) 98 17-

FORM: SWIFT ASCENT (10-12) ran up to form 112nd to Suber Spark (10-0) at Warwick (2m, 2890, good, 1974). Nov 15, 24 ran) last time, CATS LULLABY (10-1) at behind Don Piper (10-6) at Worcester (2m 25, 2576, firm, Sept 25, 4 ran). BREAKFAST CAR (10-10) ran a good race 42nd to Thrian (11-0) at Humangdon latest (2m 100) of, 17090, good, Nov 15, 21 ran with FORMIVING (8-12) 2% back in 3rd and PAT OK THE BACK (10-9) never pleced to challenge in 95th. POLLYHOR (10-6) made a couple of misstakes when 20 Znd to Crinde Grif (10-0) at Humangdon (2m 100) of, 2961, good, Oct 25, 11 ran) with LIBERTY WALK (9-15) only a head back in 3rd despite drifting badly in the market. TANA MIST (10-2) was seen to best advantage at Humangdon last season beaten 161 mis 3rd behind behind Knights Helt (10-1) in a seller (2m 200) of, 51279, good, Dec 11, 12 ran).

1985: No corresponding race

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FORM: LUCKY REW (10-0) out of his depth when lest of 8 to Von Trappe (11-7) at Wincarton (2m 5), £4277, good to soft, Nov 13, 0 ran), Previously (11-1) put up a better performance when 181 3rd to Half Free (11-6), also et Wincarton (2m 5), £3714, good, Oct 30, 6 ran), CARE (10-2) currie right back to his best when besting itsgottabeaingh (11-10) 41 at Newbury (2m, £2996, good, Nov 12, 4 ran), £6704YPTS STAR (11-5) putied up bethind Years (11-5) at Newbury (2m 4, good), On final outing last season (11-7) finished a creditable 3'41 4th to Camp Dunphy (11-0) at Folkostone (3m Nov Ch, £1742, soft, Apr 29, 10 ran). On final outing last season FLEMINGTON (10-6) 41 2nd to Weight Problem (10-12) here (2m 41 Nov H cazp Ch, £1624, good to firm, May 9, 10 ran).

Selections By Mandarin

1.00 Sausage. 1.30 Brother Geoffrey. 2.05 Quick Reaction.

2.35 Rising Forest. 3.05 The Howlet. 3.40 Dual Venture.

By Michael Seety 3.05 THE HOWLET (nap). 3.40 Dual Venture. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.05 THE HOWLER.

100yds) (4 runners)

1.0 SHEFFIELD SELLING HURDLE (£1,119; 2m) (15 runners)

.0 SHEFFIELD SELLING HURDLE (£1,119; 2m) (15 runner
3 0000-00 MISTER GOLDEN (D) (I Paye) A Devision 6-11-5
4 410002; SAUSAGE (B) (E Swifflield) R Hodges 6-11-5
5 063232; SHUMARID (D) (MR M Tindalel) H Johnson 6-11-5
8 9-07100 BRAS CREEK (D) (7 Filshie) J S Wilson 4-11-2
7 001204 DESCARTES (D) (J McQueen) MP Naughton 4-11-2
8 ALWAYS NATIVE (D Chapman) O Chapman 6-11-0
12 PPOOD- RINBOSHI (P Bowtby) P Bowtby 6-11-0
12 PPOOD- RINBOSHI (P Bowtby) B Bowtby 6-11-0
12 PPOOD- RINBOSHI (P Bowtby) B Bowtby 6-11-0
12 PPOOD- RINBOSHI (P Bowtby) B Wilkinson 4-10-11
13 00010-2 KAM HELL (D) (B Culley) B Wilkinson 4-10-11
16 00010-2 KAM HELL (D) (B Culley) B Wilkinson 4-10-11
17 4 KING COLE (BP) (P Colquinoun) Mrs G Reveley 4-10-11
18 003-09 PHILLY ATRETIC (M Caract J Kettlawell 4-10-11
19 003-04 POLISH (MISHT (B) (T Clayton) A Brown 4-10-11
20 0000- DROVERS ROAD (Mrs J Waggott) N Waggott 5-10-9
1985: (H'Cap) THES ONES FOR YOU 6-10-9 Mr M Thompson (5-10-10-10) R Earnshow
R Earnshow
G Greet
G Brackey
M Hemmond 91 16-1 00 — 90 20-1 92 F3-1 P Corrigen Mr J Osborne (7) - 4.1 95 6-1 87 -..... Niss T Waggott (7) 1985: (H'Cap) THIS ONES FOR YOU 6-10-9 Mr M Thompson (9-1) B Thompson 12 ran

OFF0-03 PAN ARCTIC (Mrs R 8h) T BH 7-11-10... G Landon 97 F7-4 A Murphy • 99 15-8 1985: BACK IN ACTION 5-10-0 D Condell (20-1) D Morhead 9 ran

1.30 HARROGATE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,945: 2m 4f

2.05 TADCASTER NOVICE HURDLE (3-Y-O: £685: 2m 4f) (13 runners)

01 PAULS SECRET (B) (J Simpson) Denys Smith 11-0 ... C Grant 90 9-2 O Harker 85 10-1 032120 BRAMPTON LYN (O Lee) O Lee 10-9 22129 BRAMPTON LYN (O Lee) O Lee 10-9.
212 PINK SENSATION (M Bailey) Mrs G Raveley 10-9.
0 BOLD M COMBAT (J Strowne Construction Ltd) T Casey 10-7.
F0 DUNSEL BOY (G Dunne) Mrs G Austin 10-7.
00 HOROWITZ (B) (F Dowsett) R Hertop 10-7.
45 HURRICANE HENRY (8) (E S: George) M W Essterby 10-7.
WILLIAMS IN SPRING (N Goymer) R Studies 10-7.
MILLIESCENS (A Marrided) A Jarvis 10-7.
2 CRUCK REACTION (T Remisclen) M Ryen 10-7.
KNOCKALENA (W Essorn) H Herming 10-2.
MARINA PLATA (D Chapman) D Chapman 10-2.
0 TEATRE (Mrs F Sisterson) G Moore 10-2. . P Hiven (4) • 99 F5-2 **37** 8-1 . L Wyer --- 12-1 95 3-1 ... M Papper 1985: (2m) COMMANDER ROBERT 10 7 C Purion (11-8 fev) J Hanson 23 ran

2.35 YAUX BREWERIES NOVICE CHASE (Qualifier: £1,579: 3m 100yds) 9 runners _ M Dwyer ● 56 F7-4 - N Brantan 44 10-1
- L Wyer - 5-1
- C Hawkins 82 3-1
- A Rentgen (7) - 14-1
- P A Farrell (4) 80 12-1
- O Willdraum - 5-1

1985: PITCRUIVIE 6 11 P Tuck (Evens tav) G Richards 9 ran 3.5 RUFFORTH HANDICAP CHASE (£2,326: 2m 50yds) (6 rumers) SOP-03F TORDEALBHACH (H Harpu-Crewe) P O'Connot 12-12-2 1413-41 BIPANY (C,D) (R Robinson) R Robinson 7-11-13 (Bib ex).... 21/33-44 THE HOWLET (W Shart Wiscot) K Chiver 7-10-5 0013-20 TASAR (BF) (Charlotte Ledy Razy) W A Stephenson 5-10-7 00-0890 STRICTLY BACON (B) (P McGlasson) A O Brown 7-10-4 P0-4244 MENDELITA (B) (P Courage) P Courage 10-10-0 90 5-1 Il Condell 90 F2-1 J K Kingsie 98 5-2 R Llensb 6-4-1 O Duzion 89 14-1 A Stringer 96 8-1

1965: VILLIERSTOWN 6-11-5 R Lamb (13-8 lav) W A Stephenson 5 ran

3.40 HALIFAX NOVICE HURDLE (ES78: 2m) (25 runners)

80 — 90 12-1 ... R Lumb # 90 12-1 ... R Lumb # 99 5-1 ion (7) M Dayer --- F3-1 N Tinkier HINCKLEY LANE (8 Padgett) M W Easterby 4-10-12 ... HOW'S TORY (Mrs D Bousfield) 8 Bousfield 5-10-12 ... OKILLAY BAY (R Gomerael) N Tanker 4-10-12.

OF OCEAN LIFE (Lord Belper) M W Easterby 4-10-12.

REALLY HONEST (E SI George) M W Easterby 5-10-12.

OF SMALLYAN (G Leathern) M W Easterby 4-10-12.

SOVEREION STEPS (Mrs. J Car Evens) Mrs. J Car Evens 4-10-12. **53** 10-1 L Wyer _ 141 _ P Tock C Dermis (7) 87 -R Mariey (7) ... Mr J Osbone (7) 1985: DAN THE MILLER 8-11-5 R Extrisham (B-11 fav) Mrs M Dickinson 25 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS Rides Per Cent 82 20.7 73 20.5 144 16.7 159 16.3 128 10.9 153 :10.4 Mrs M Dickerson M H Easterby

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Determined Clay stages remarkable return on Nabeeh Dianc Clay, the jockey, nearly when falling at the 18th fence, ied after an accident at her. That tends to be his mouble. He

died after an accident at her Stoke-on-Trent bome last week Stoke-on-Trent bome tast week but bravely bounced back to ride her first winner of the season on Nabeeh in the Fandon Selling Hurdle at Seathwell yesterday.

Miss Clay's heart stopped beating when she was trampled on but by a horse and she was

on by by a horse, and she was given the kiss of life by her father, the trainer Bill Clay. The 22-year-old rider said: "I

was clipping King Hustler in his box when he suddenly went wild knocked me to the ground and stamped all over me. My heart stopped for nearly three minutes, but thankfully my father was in the box to give me the kiss of life."

the kiss of life."

After a night in the North Staffordshire Hospital at Stoke, Miss Clay was allowed home and although her father was in two minds whether to let her ride yesterday, she was determined to partner Naheeh.

The 20-1 shot looked beaten when headed by Bonfire at the final flight but Miss Clay rallied the colt to such effect that the the colt to such effect that the partnership regained the lead in the last few strides to win by half

Trevor Wall was taken to the Queens Medical Centre at Nottinmeham with a suspected broken leg after falling from Pialfisky two out.

Bill Clay completed a double when his Welsh Grand National hope Covent Garden defied top weight to take the Denton Handicap Chase by six lengths.

Clay said: "It's Chepstow next stop. He was going very well in the Welsh National last season, and was making good headway

does miss out the odd one. and would be an Aintree horse if he could cope with the fences.

This double provided Clay with his first winners since

moving from Uttoxeter to a new yard at Stoke-on-Trem three months ago. He has a team of 11 horses at the moment, but is hoping to build the squad up to 20 in the coming months.

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Terry Casey, the Adstone trainer, brought off a 47-1 double for his Newport Pagiell petron John Upson at Welverhampton when Turkana and Anaette's Delight scored.

Stan Moore, took Annette's Delight to the front after jump-ing the fifth fence from home in the Much Wenlock Handicap Chase. Jumping fast and crisply, Annette's Delight drew right away from Hope End and Celtic Brown to score by severa lengths Brew to score by seven lengths, to the relief of his trainer, who was worried whether the gelding was right.

"Annette's Delight has suf-fered muscle trouble, and was having treatment all last week," said Casey, who added that it was only last week that Upson bought the hitherto disappointing bay from another of his

Richard Dunwoody, after a fall from Salmon Run in the Advent Novices' Hurdle, was involved in a tight finish in the Broketon Novices' Chase when his New Song was beaten a short bead by Turkana.

Only four of the 10 runners completed the course, with the 9-4 favourite Seagram coming to grief at the sixth fence

Significant warning from Goffs sale From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dubbin

A dramatic 60 per cent decline in aggregate and a virtual halvin aggregate and a virtual halving of the average price per lot
compared to last year characterized the select invitation foal
and breeding stock sale held late
on Sunday evening at the Goffs
complex in County Kildare.

In cash terms the fall
amounted to almost five million
guiness and signalled a warning
note for vendors at next week's
Newmarket December sales not

Newmarket December sales not to expect the sort of price they would have got a year or two ago.
The highest price of the night,
405,000 guineas, was paid by a

New Zenland-based Scotsman Mitchell McLeish on behalf of an Australian investment con-sortium for the five-year-old mare Wish You Were Here. She is in foal to first season sire Sadlers Wells

The foat most in demand turned out to be a grand-daughter of Highelere with whom the Queen brought off a suigne classic double in 1974, winners the 1 000 Colones at

Pretty Polly Stakes at New-market. She fetched 305,000 gainets to the bid of Sheikh Mohammed's manager Anthony Strood.

At Navan yesterday two Cheltunkam possibles Bankers Benefit and Paul Prosperi both Benefit and Paul Prospers both scored stylish victories. Bankers Benefit, a good long-distance hurdler, won his first chase over three miles by eight lengths and is one to bear in mind for the Sm. Alliance Chase at Cheltenham. Paul Prosperi good tribute to Larchmont, who had beaten him at Thurles. by contering home winning the 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket and the Prix de Diane at Chantilly, This filly by Be My Guest is a half-sister to Capo di Monte, winner of the

NEWTON ABBOT

Selections

By Mandarin 12.45 High Warrior, 1.15 Kilsyth, 1.45 Maygon, 2.15 Veleso, 2.45 Karamoun, 3.15 Kingtor,

Going: soft 12.45 ST JUST JUVENILE NOVICE HURDLE (3-Y-O: £821: 2m 150yd) (15 runners) O: £821: 2m 150yd) (15 futniers)

9 ADMIGTON BELL C Triefine 11-0

9 APACRE RHYTHEM O Barons 11-0

CELTIC CHIEF Mis M Broad 11-0

10 HIGH WARRIGH I. Kenourd 11-0

4 RICKESTUR LAD 6 Poling 11-0

COME ON LUCKY M Pipe 10-9

CONLOB T Habet 10-9

COTENELE Miss A Parries 10-9

COUNTRY SOL 6 Thorns 10-9

KELLYANN W Fisher 10-9

6 LADY KAYE INCHELLE S T Hams 10-9

LAURA'S DIREAN MISS A Knight 10-9

6 LAURA'S DIREAN MISS A Knight 10-9

MY MOYALE N Karnisk 10-9

6 MY MOYALE N Karnisk 10-9 9 SMITHY'S GIRL N Aylife 10-9 2-1 Come On Lucky, 5-2 High Wester, 7-2 Celtic Chief. 1.15 TATTERSALLS MARES ONLY NOVICE

CHASE (Qualifier: £1,905: 2m 150yd) (10)

9-4 Woodland View, 5-2 Kilsyth, 100-30 Stars And Stripes. 1.45 EBF NOVICE HURDLE (£1,455: 2m 150yd)

23 B-00 GARA ROCK (V) D Bercers 5-11-0 P Nicholis
24 High (Adm BLUES J Fox 4-11-0 S Nicore
28 F-00 KING UNIVERSE W Fisher 5-11-0 C Liserallys (7)
212 3- ROYAL GURBONA R Frost 6-11-0 J Frost
213 9 7ANGENT R Frost 6-11-0 C Nicoreous
217 0 0000 YCROSS Mes A Funits 4-10-9 R Winglet
219 2-22 LIZZY LONGSTOCKING Mrs. J Wormscott 4-10-9 D Wessecott (7) D Wessecott (7)

2-0 MAYGON Mrs E Kennard 6-10-9 P Ric 0003 RHODETTE L Kennard 5-10-9 R10 SERVANTE TITO J Roberts 8-10-9 C SHIMBLERING GOLD N Kernick 5-10-9 M Ye

15-8 Lzzy Longstocking, 9-4 Meygon, 7-2 Gera Rock.

2.15 LAND'S END CHASE (£3,583; 3m 2f 100yd) 3 11-1 JUST FOR THE CRACK K Baday 3-11-11 (4ex) Mr T Thomas

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2.45 MOUSEHOLE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (2630: 2m 150yd) (13)

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11-4 Tail, 4-1 h's For You, 9-2 Favourite Nephev 11-2 Goose Green, 7-1 Alamenty, 10-1 Full Price, 14-1 others. 3.15 HELSTON CONDITIONAL JOCK HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,858; 2m 150yd) (13)

2-1 Swing To Steel, 7-2 Kingtor, 5-1 Agra Knight, 7-1 Tight Turn, 9-1 John Feether, 10-1 Top Gold, 16-1 others.

Course specialists JOCKEYS P Leach, 27 winners from 135 rices, 20.0%; R Dennis, 11 from 63, 17.5%; C Brown, 22 from 128, 17.2%; P Richards, 13 from 109, 12.0%; J Frost, 14 from 148, 9.5%,)Only five qualifiers).

Results from three meetings

Wolverhampton Going: good (chase course); good to solt

(hurdies)

1.0 (2m hole) 1, TAKE NO TRASH (Smith Excise, 6-1): 2, Peellyne's Pride (J. Hurst, 5-1); 3, Pierosh's Lean (B. de Haan, 8-1); ALSO RAN 4 fav Carcer Bay (4th), 11-2 Creoger, 0 Channel Breeze, 15-2 Creoger, 0 Channel Breeze, 15-2 Salmon Run (f), 10 Channel Breeze, 15-2 Salmon (f), 10 ran, NS: Valentine Boy, Ind, 15I, 10I, 25I, 5I, N Henderson at Lambourn. Tois: £10,70: £280, £1.90, £1.70. DP: £43.10. CSF: £45.27.

E45.27.

1.30 (2m 41 ch) 1, TURKANA (G Charles Jones, 7-1); 2, New Sang (R Dunwoody, 7-2); 3, Cresy's Pat (A Sharpe, 53-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Seagram (f), 5-2 Kamades (f), 8 Million (f), 16 Incense (f), 33 Green Secret (pu), 50 Hollowell (ur), Master Brabinger (4ft), 10 ran. NR: Asmict, sh hd, 2½, dist, T Casey at Adstone, Tots: 55.60; 52.00, 52.00, 53.40. DR: £15.50. CSR: £30.73.

2.0 (2m ch) 1. ANNETTE'S DELIGHT (S Moore, 5-11: 2. Cettic Brew (S Morahead, 7-2 (k-fav); 3. Nope End (C Jones, 7-2 (k-kv), ALSO RAM: 7-2 (k-fav Seven Sound (ur), 7 Taffy Jones (f), 10 Pan Arctic (Sh), 11 Asia Minor (f), 20 Crestrus Prince, 33 Pare Love (4th), Royal Marx (Sh), 15 ran. 71, 101, 115; 41, 201, T Casery et Adetone. Tote: 28.00; 22.20, 21.90, 21.30, DF: 22.29, Trosst: 253.96.

2.30 (Sm 11 ch) 1, BACRLOG (B'de Haan, 4-1); 2, Florence May (P Werner, 11-2; 3, Trusty Catcher (M Basterd, 20-1); ALSO RAN: 4-6 fav Masterplan (f), 12 Bryms (4th), 33 Elvers Green (ptr), 6 ran. NF: Wicked Unide, sh Ind, dest, NL J N Delitmer Striffnel, Total 24.80; 21.40 E1.80. DF: 28.00. CSF; 222.55. 3.0 2m 6f hole) 1, SABIN DU LOIR (C Brown, 5-2); 2, Togboas (R Demescody, 11-1); 2, Shear Gold (G Bradley, 4-5 lay); ALSO RANB: 7-2 Pika's Peek (4m), 50 Annecs (5m); 5 ran. 20, sh hd, 154, dist. 0 Murray-Smith at Uoper Lambourn, Tote: 53.80; 21.50, 22.50. DF: \$2A.70. CSF: 522.17.

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3.39 (2m hdle) 1, PRINCE RAMBORO (S Morshead, 12-11; 2, Luciette (C Smith 100-30 (any); 3, Lutie Stope (W Humphreys, 9-1); 4, Mountain Mae (C Jones, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Ensigns RQ, 13-2 Infinity Rules, 12 Denward King, 12 Mountain, 25 Cradie Of Jazz, 33 Meleo's Token, Tagle (6th), End Of The Road, Last Trail, High Barn, Sweet Optimiss, Bogstil. 10 min. NR: Northern Hope, Stack Legacy, 2, 10, 3, 3, 14, Mrs M Firmell at Severn Soke. Tota: £12.30; £3.50, £1.50, £1.50, £2.20. DE: 292.20, CSF £4.8.46. Tricast £3.44.31. Placepos £512.00

Folkestone

12.45 (2m 8f indle) 1, JOLI'S GREL (J Malaughin, 6-4 tard; 2, High Visconity (T Jarvis, 2-1); 3, Celair (M Hoad, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Specy Boy (pu), 10 Lover Cover (5th), 12 City Sicker (pu).

Comyn Legend (6th), 20 Hayeshi (4th), 25 Full Spare (pul), 33 Fading Dawn, Tom's Lass, Clear Megic (pul, 12 ran. 10t, 251, not recorded, 3t, 5t. M Ryan at Newmarket. Tota: 23.05; 21.50, 21.80, 26.20. DF: 22.90, CSF: £5.32 OF: 22.90. CSF: 25.32

1.16 (2m 4t ch) 1, IVY LEAGUE (S Sherwood, 6-1); 2. Mischievous Jack (Mrs S Andraws, 7-1); 3. Ling (A Webb, 9-2 lav), ALSO RAN: 11-2 Siest Yeoman (cr), 7 Texas Turkey (6th), 6 Betu (f), Boyns Attack (pu), Prince Felix (pu), 20 Roman (sing (pu), 18 rechibed (sth), 33 Drashbreac (pu), Guscoof (f), 18 ran, 6t, 21 kg, 10 recorded J Jenions at Epoch. Tote: 25.00; 22.00, 22.80, 22.00. DF: 253.10. CSF: E47.88. After a stewards' inquiry the result stood.

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1.45 (2m 6f hole) 1, LOCKNER LAD (H. Davies, 7-1); 2, finding Sunrise (P. Douties, 10-1); 3, Old Ford Taweni (S. Sherwood, 2-1 fev). ALSO RAN: 4 Super Energy (4th), 15-2 Lutie Kehning (pu), 8 Ah Helio (5th), 10 Alsonic Leisure (pu), 33 Dregonede, 33 Vulbeau (pu), 50 Orravan (pu), Prince Friendly (pu), Duskey Comic (h. Emprese Josephane (6th), Lloyds Dark Lady (6d), 14 ran. 6, 121, 101, 4, 11/4. R. Parker at Chilworth. Tote: £3,10; £2,50, £2,60, £1,20. DF: £78,20. CSF: £87,94.

2.15 (3m 2) ch) 1. TEN BELOW (M Krisine, 5-2): 2, Geeta An Usace (L. Harvey, Evens tay): 3, Southdown Spirit (R. Rowell, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Anns 5 Mite (1), 20 Poor Excuse (4th). 5 ran. 254, 301, not recorded. LBDy Herries at Little Hampson, Tote: 63.20; 21.10, 21.40, 09: 22.30, CSF: 25.76. 25.76.
2.46 (2m 4t ch) 1. AUTUMAN ZULLI (R. Rowell, 7-2 (R-ter); 2. French Captain (M. Kimene, 6-1); 3. Denselon (L. Hervey, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 (R-ter) Glen Mai (Str), Sipalong (put, 4 Forestalair (put, 1-8 Rock Sant (4th), 20 Basel's Cholce (put, 6 Forestalair), 10, 15, 71, 27-1, Miss L. Bower at Alresford. Tota: 24.00; 21.70. 21.70, 22.50. DF: 29.80. CSF; 22.3.18.

22.50. DF: 28.80. CSF: 223.18.

3.16 Sm 3f hole) 1, WRITTE THE MUSIC Nat J Saunders, 5-2 (b-fav); 2, Enn Olley (Mr P McChaffan, 5-2 (b-fav); 3, Devil's Gold (Mrs C Smakman, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Halfs Prince (pu), 8 Strundy (6th), 10 Valmai (pu), 20 Mccurt Feddame (pu), 20 Fata Morgara (6th), 33 Tara's Chestain (pu), Tom Noel (4th), 50 Hopeful Saint (pu), 8ally Task (pu), 12 ran. 8. dist, 71, 121, 81. P Felipate at Miston Mowbray, Tota: 23.40; 21.10. 21.50, 23.30. DF: 24.30. CSF: 28.20. Tricast: 258.55. Placepot: £18.85

Southwell Going: heavy (chase course); soft (hurides) (hurdes)

1.8 (2m 74yd ch) 1, RAMBLINIG WILD (R. Stronge, 4-7 fav); 2, Canstorial (B. Powell, 11-2); 3, Echo Beneth (G. Grant, 100-30). ALSO RAN: 20 Constable Kelly (f), Doveridge (ur), 6 ren, 25, dest. P. Harris at Berthampstead. Tote: 21.50; 21.40, 12.80; 2m hdte) 1, NABEEH (Diene Clay, 20-1); 2, Sondiec (W. Richards, 5-2); 3, Raming Pewri (R. Stronge, 11-6 fav), ALSO RAN: 4 Anita's Apple (4th.) 10

Shared Experience (5th), 12 Platisky (f). 25 Abjed, 33 Sälent Shadow (pu), What A Popsi (5th), Severn Manor (pv). When the windows, Werral (f). 12 ran. Nr. Symbiotic. 14. 6t. 4t. 5t. 2t. W. Clay at Stoke-on-Thent. Total: £12.40; £1.90, £1.50, £1.30. DP. £15.80. CSF: £70.41. Winner bought in for 1,000gns. 2.4 (5m 2/ct) 1, COVERT GARDEN (\$J. O'Neill. 5-2 fav); 2, Royacript (M. Bowb), 41; 3, Randowsky (M. Dwyer, 7-2), ALSO RAN: 3 Ninetsen Shallings (4th), 8 Day Of Wishes (pu), 5 ran, (0), 6, 1%, dast, W. Clay at Stoke-on-Trent. Total: £2.70; £1.21, £2.50. DF: £750. CSF: £1.02. 2.30 (2m hole) 1, WOOM JESTER (0 Morns, 9-2); 2, Riverside Writer (K Rysh, 14-1); 3, Seignt Shart () Shoemark, 7-1), ALSO RANk 7-2 tav Paris Match (fith), 5 Bandelent (4m), Counselors Ger (f), 7 Young Bruss (ro), 10 Friendly Bee (5m), 12 Tyrte And Weer, 14 Cousin Cuthert, 33 Polemistis (co), 50 Decandement), 12 ran. 6, 6, 11, 10, 301. C Holmes at Gerrards Cross. Tota: £6.30; £2.80, £1.90, £2.20. DF: £31.90. CSF. £55.57. 3.06 (2m 74yd ch) 1. JUST ALICK (L. Wyer, 5-4 fav); 2. Aldro (S. J. O'Nelli, 3-1); 3. Postdyna (A Carroll, 25-1). ALSO HAN: 3 Meid O' Moyode (4th), 11 Burglers Walk (5th), 20 King Hussler (J). 6 rar. (to, 12, 3; dist. M H EasterDy at Mallion. Tole: £1.70; £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, (G: £2.50, CSF: £5.17.

21.50, 21.90, OF: 22.90, CSF: 25.17.

3.30 / Zmr 4 ft/Sej 1, ROCKY'S GAL (K. TOWNERO, 7-72; 2) Dark lay (P. Tuck, 3-1 fav/s 3, Stray Shot (Miss O Armylage, 16-1), ALSO RAIN: 7 Bickerstaffs, 8 Mr Shadfast (Seh), 8 Asticut (Seh), 10 St. Lucky, 18 Northern Fluier, 20 Eboracus, Stationashus Knot. Sharp for [DA, Cheeky Run (4th), 33 James My Boy, Royal Charge, 50 Feir City, 15 Fain, 6t, 2, 15/1, 2, 5t, W Holden at Newmarket, Total C4.10; £1.40, £2.50, £5.80, DF: £3.30, CSF: £14.30, Trickett £144.05.

Plescapots £11.25 • Lockner Lad put up a

brave performance to make virtually all the running in the third division of the Le Touquet Novices' Hurdle at Folkestone yesterday. Despite tiring and hitting the last hurdle, the 7-1 shot still came home six lengths clear of Italian Sunrise to give Guildford trainer Richard Parker his third success of the

Parker said: "Folkestone is a lucky track for me. Exuberant woo at the United Hunts meeting when I was training point-to-pointers and then Freddie Bee won a hunter chase."

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: All Engistic (clear): Game Lad, Russell Flind, Whisting Wonder, Euripus, Barna, Barnisi, Allertea, Come Pigner, Hello Gyps, Hangy Cottage, Book of Proverbs, Coga Moss, Forewarn, King of The Humber.

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TENNIS: CHAMPION TO TAKE SIX WEEKS OFF

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David Hands, Rugby Correspondent, examines a historic conflict

The game of Union versus League

Discretion is a virtue which should not be confused with dishamesty—or, as the current vogue has it, economy with the fruth. It might, for instance, have been better if members of Bath, the John Player Special Cup holders, had refrained from telling the world about visits made by one of their club coaches to watch Rugby League sides training, if only to cushion their players from the consequent flak.

Contact with Rugby League remains a sensitive area within Rugby Union, mainly for historical reasons. But it should be stressed that there is nothing whatsoever to stop Rugby Union coaches from watching their Rugby League counterparts at work,

Rugby League counterparts at work, as Clive Howard, the Bath secretary, has acknowledged: "If they want to go as private individuals, that's fine. But

as private individuals; that's fine. But as a club we are concerned that it should be suggested they went as official representatives of Bath."
David Robson, who remains one of Bath's coaches, and Tom Hadson, who does not, went to watch the Australians preparing for last Saturday's third international against Great Britsin at Wican. The same two Great Britain at Wigan. The same two men also went last year to watch Hull Kingston Rovers training which caused something of a flurry among

senior members of England's most successful club. International Board rulings on

amateurism do not prevent this. The relevant paragraph states: "No person who is or has been associated in son who is or has been associated in any active capacity with a non-amateur rugby club or a non-amateur rugby organisation shall participate in, or assist in, the playing, coaching, organising, controlling or administer-ing of the game." A subsequent paragraph prohibits any individual, club or union from fostering non-amateur runder.

Neither Robson nor Hudson could be accused on either count. Their prime concern is the welfare of Bath's players and to maintain the standing of England's premier cinb; at a more general level they wish to improve standards is Rugby Union and, to that extent they borrow, as every sport does, from other games. The Rugby Football Union does exactly the same; on coaching courses they have invited on coaching courses they have invited Rugby League coaches to speak and shown film of Rugby League games. In the north the interaction between the two games, at amateur level, is

In the same way Rugby Union coaches are at liberty to spend

Sundays watching televised american football — which only recently was 'unbanned' by the International Board — in the hope of picking up tithits which may be applied to their game. Athletics is now offering a fruitful field for aspiring international rugby players in terms of preparation; all sports feed off each other to a greater or lesser degree.

It is time to acknowledge the essential differences between Union

It is time to acknowledge the essential differences between Union and League, to forget idle comparisons between players of the two games, to remember also that Rugby Union players are still looking for a degree of enjoyment without thought of profit. In that respect responsibility should be accepted both by those who play the game and those — professional and amateur — who watch Players have a duty to connete

fessional and amateur — who watch Players have a duty to compete within a legal framework, officials have a duty to uphold that framework and those who administer it (that is, referees) and spectators, in the crowd-and in the press box should seek a degree of belance. It is no fue to sit in a crowd and hear Roger Quittenton, one of England's leading referees, being reviled by individuals in the mt doubt, know less

ited attack on a referee and then

Nor is it usuch fint to see irresponsible players who, by their thoughtless actions, create in the space of a few seconds controversy which eradicates the good things performed in the other 79 minutes of the game. It is easy to blacken the name of the game, harder to examine what is good about it. I worry sometimes about why we enjoy certain matches; for instance, why was the game in Nantes between France and New Zealand such a gripping affair? Was it for the bright flashes of exceptional skill, which passed so quickly that if you blinked you missed them? Or was it the calculated fury of the French forwards, heedless of personal risk or damage to the opposition, which conjures up the same desire to see hurt inflicted as, presumably, motivated crowds at the Coliseum.

There has to be a limit within a game where there are so many Nor is it much fint to see irres

ime where there are so many inherent risks, a limit accepted by those who play, those who organize and those who watch. Those who would inflame or expand those limits

mond oo Saturday - and in deciding which midfield com-bination to go for.

Ideally they would like to see John Bucktoo in action for Saraceus against Leicester, but Buckton's comeback match on

Saturday, in a third-team game

against Imperial College, Lon-don, was called off and both the

ctub and player may wish for a gentler return after a three-month absence than against a team whom Saracens have

Teague out

Trague, who was capped three times by England, was named in the squad of 28 a fortnight ago but has not been to training sessions and says he will not play even if selected to meet the North at Waterloo on December

The selectors treated me like

dirt when I was in the squad last season and I cannot forgive them," Teague said. "They put me in the squad last season, but

replacements' bench and I lost my first team position at Cardiff. "I realize that by pulling out I might have cut my throat as far

as international selection is concerned. But I still feel I am

playing well enough for Glouces-ter at the moment to get picked for England."

Teague, who has been outstanding for his club this season, leaves the South West

match. If not, they will have to call up Pani Collings, of Bristol.

Johannesburg (Reuter) -

Spearing's long wait
The Norwich City left back.
Tony Spearing, will be out of
action for at least six weeks after

damaging angle ligaments in the Littlewoods Cup match with Everton on Wednesday night.

Title bout

for some time.

then kept

Ireland to package provincial fixtures

By George Ace The format of the Irish inter-provincial championship is provincial championsmip is likely to undergo a change next season. The Irish Rugby Foot-ball Union is studying proposals suggesting the championship should be played oo three successive Saturdays in Novem-ber and leave October free for league fixtures on at least three

There is considerable merit in the proposal, it would mean that the players involved would be under direct control of the provincial coaches who could prepare for each match with siogle-minded purpose in the knowledge that the players would have no club commitments throughout the championship. At present the threematch series is spread over six weeks with two matches every

Connacht's unexpected win over Munster at Thomond Park at the weekend - a first ever success in Limerick - has

Eight members of London Scottish are included in the Anglo-Scots side who meet Scot-tish North and Midlands at already started controversy over Richmond on Saturday in the second round of the Scottish McEwan's inter-district championship (David Hands writes). the Irish captain. Donal Lenihan, the Munster lock from Cork Constitution, ionship (David Hands writes). The first district game is tomorrow evening, when Edinburgh play Glasgow at Meggetland.

The Anglos, who trained at Richmond on Sunday, include two internationals in David Sole, the Bath loose-head prop, and Jeremy Campbelltook over for the game against the Romanians, but Lenihan has now led Munster to an interprovincial whitewash. Ciaran Firzgerald, the former captain, added the final nail to Lemban's ng the games Lamerion, the London Scottish lock, though the selectors hope that Sole will have recovered from bruised shoulder ligaments an achilles tendon injury. an achines renoon injury.

It speaks volumes for Fitzgerald's leadership that he was able to lift Connacht to a memorable 11-9 win, including acquired against the Fijian Barbarians on Thursday, Bath,

their only tries of the series, when they had conceded 14 in his absence

More support for district championship

Scotland's inter-district championship has a new thrust and importance with yesterday's announcement that the competition will be sponsored for the first time (Ian McLauchlan writes). Scottish Brewers, following their support of the McEwan's national league, are to back the regional tournament which is seen by Robin Charters, the convenor of the Scottish selection panel, as ideal preparation for international

Charters, in a personal letter to all players, reminded them of the importance of the McEwan's inter-district championship, and is hopeful that "these games will be played with the intensity, and at a pace and standard, much nearer to that which is required for international

He was also critical of Scottish rugby in taking too long to copy success and stressed that fitness must be improved.

FOOTBALL

Toird round
Blackburn v Oxford
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Charton v Bradford C (7.45)
Sheffield Wed v Portsmouth
West Harn v Chelsee (7.45)
Freight Rover Tropby
Preisninary round
Cartisle v Bury
Colchester v Peterborough
Lincoln v Scuathorpe
Notis Go v Gelfingham
Praston v Crewse
York v Darlington
Wrexham v Tranmere
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Today League Third Division

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

Divisional selectors wrestle with injury problems

London division will an-nounce this morning their team to play in the first round of the Thorn EMI divisional championship against the Midlands at Wasps on December 6.

Their selectors met last night, as did those of the south-west, but the latter — particularly in the light of Mike Teague's withdrawal from contention withdrawal from contention—may wait until after this weekend before confirming the team
to play the north at Waterloo.
London, though not alone in
this respect, have been bedevilled by injuries to leading
contenders. Marcus Rose (Harlequins), full back for the England XV which beat Japan last
month, has damaged a shoulder;
Alan Simmons (Wasps), last
year's hooker, has been troubled
by an ankle injury but hooes to

whose selection committee met last night, were looking to include him in the team to play

Bedford 11, Rugby 10; Bedford Modern 21, Osicham 8; Berthameted 6; St Edmund's, Ware, 4; Blundel's 19, Tainton S; Camborne, Somernet Hiss 10, Cornwell College 10; Cantord 15, Bryanston 6; Castrinam 21, Reede, Cobhern 4; Crestauxt 0, St. George's, Harpeoden 16; Chichester 183 19, Ving Edward VI, Southempton 16; Churcher's 10, Pertsmouth 65 39; City of London Freeman's 6, Wallington HS 14; Clifton 7, Christ College, Brecon 10; Colchester RSS 7, Fransingham 3; Cufford 3, Woodbridge 0.

Moodbridge 0.

Desborough 32. Ousen Elizabeth's, Bernet & Dour College 9, St Lawratce B; Ellesmere 11, Bromsgrove 0; Ethium 15, Bancroff's 24; Emeruel 13, Camplon 20; Eton 11, St Paul's 6; George Wetson's, Edinburgh 3, Edinburgh Academy 9; Stemalmond 0, Merchistern Cassie 13; Greeham's 10, FHS Hotbrook 29; Habertassbers' Asio's, Eletree 48, Walford GS 0; Halleybury 7, Harrow 10; High Wycombe RGS 17, Aylesbury 3; Horstoleproint 3, Seaford & John Fisher 7, Guilleford RGS 6; Judd 6, Colle's 18; long's, Bruton 14, Wells Cathedral 13; King's, Camerbury 14, Tembridge 14.

King Edward's, Beth 23, Dean Close 0; King Henry VIII, Coventry 13, Bishop Vessy's 65, King James, Hertey 15, Oratory 11; King's, Flochester 19, Kent College 14; King's, Flochester 19, Kent House, Florida 18, King-mouth 10; King Wilsen's, 1047, King Edward VII, Lytham 13; Kingewood 35,

SCHOOLS RUGBY RESULTS

near the end of his club's game against Cambridge University and saw Leon Walkden, the Rugby Football Union doctor, yesterday. It's not a bad injury, there's no question of an operation." Rose said. "When there's no physical pain and I have full movement I'll be back, but I'll probably miss the first

The various weight-training exercises England have been doing this year almost certainly made it not as bad as it might have been "

Scrum haif has been a prob-lem area for London, who will have been delighted that Steve

ham, the former Bath and Scotland Bhooker, who has now

joined Wasps.
The other injury worry con-

cerns Tim Excler, the Moseley stand-off half, who hurt his hip playing against Leicester. A possible replacement in the event of his withdrawal would

prove his fitness this Saturday, and Crispin Read (Blackheath) good game for Wasps against is out of the running at scrum Metropolitan Police at the weekend. Bates broke his forearm in the John Player Special Cup final last May, and it was his first senior club appearance of the season. Whether his return has come in time to make a valid claim against those of John Cullen (Richmond), Floyd Stradman (Saracens) or Alex Woodhouse (Harlequins) remains to be seen.

In that same match Rob Andrew hurt his knee but that should have cleared up by the time the North confirm their team after the coming weekend. Their trouble areas are at lock where they have a variety of possibilities, and which may cause them to watch Fyide against Sale, and Orrell v Rich-

of South West team Mike Teague, the Gloncester and former England No 8, yesterday pulled out of the South West divisional squad after chaiming he had been "treated like durt."

against M R Steele-Bodger's XV tomorrow, and three Oxford men, Ian and Coll Macdonald, and Neil McBain, wing, lock



Teague: "Dirt" claim

Sole worry for Anglo-Scots Anglos would consider Peter Jones, of Gloucester, who alreasons, have not considered anyone from either Oxford or ready has a club colleague in the team in Rusri McLean, the centre, Indeed, the Anglo-Scottish net has been cast far and wide this season, including as it does Steven Glen, the scrum half from Sudbury in Suffolk.

Glen is a tradecement this Cambridge Universities, whose teams for the annual match at Twickenham on December 9 will be announced on Monday. That excludes Andy Cushing, Cambridge's scrum half who hopes to be fit once more to play Glen is a replacement this Saurday but he has played for the Anglos under-21 side against Edinburgh and Glasgow, having won colts caps for England earlier this year. He is joined as a replacement by Roh Conning.

ANGLO-SCOTS (v Scottish North and Midlands): S hydre (London Scottish); J Beastley (London Scottish and Edinburgh Wandersey), D Brace-Leckhart (London Scottish), R MicLean (Glocysster), T Patenson-Brown (London Scottish); T Exeter (Moseley), B I vivine (Fattrogate); D Sele (Beth), L Mirk (London Scottish), D Butcher (Sele, Gosforth), S Smith (Gosforth), J Campbell-Lamerton (London Scottish), D Gosforth), J Campbell-Lamerton (London Scottish), Replacements; S Glas (Sudbury), R Cameingheim (Wasps).



AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Why 'Dirty Harry' is cleaning up

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WESSEX LEAGUE: Eastleigh v Havent; Road See'v Brockenhuss.
SUILIDNE SCHOE EASTLESH! LEAGUE: Brainbee v Thetlord; Great Yarmouth v Havenbeit; Harvich and Parkeston v Clactor; Misrch v Witbach; Mewitsetet v Lowestott; Soham v Fallostower.
Lowestott; Soham v Fallostower.
GREAT BILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Grisch Mason Farm v Bristot Chy (Feserves; Clandown v Melkoham; Clewdon v Taurion. NENE GROUP UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Baldock v

FA COUNTY YOUTH CUP: Second rea Suspect v Surrey (at Burgess HM FC). **RUGBY UNION**

OTHER SPORT ICE SKATING: Tuborg British senior Source championships (at Solfmil). SMOCHEST: Temperis: UR. Open tournament (Guild Holl, at Presion). SMILASS! RACKETS: Inter-City National championships (at Temple Meads, British RAF championships (at RAF

GARAC CUP: Plest sound: Frickley v
Buston.

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Fisher v Sheppsy; Stoutheldge v Bromscrove.

Clint Eastwood, in the daunting gaise of 'Dirty Harry', surmised that "a man's gotta know his limitations." Jay Schroeder came to terms with 37 sec from time to hoist the his shortcomings and now he has one of the deadliest arms—and steeliest squints—in the National Football League. On and steeliest squints—in the National Football League. On Sunday in Washington, Schroe-der threw for 325 yards and two

touchdowns against the league's No 1 pass defense as the Red-skins beat their arch rivals, the Dallas Cowboys, 41-14. Schroeder spent four seasons as a minor-league baseball player for the Toronto Blue lays, but an anaemic batting average of 213 and an overabundant 477 strike-outs caused abundant 477 strike-outs caused him to, well ... strike out. A hitter he was not, but he could plant his feet at home plate and throw a baseball over the outfield fence, a prodigious feat that aroused the Redskins' interest.

Schroeder, who was virtually anonymous as a substitute quarterback at UCLA, became the Pedicine' regular outster. the Redkins' regular quarter-

players, a common event in the fixture, which is the oldest and

payers, a common event in the fixture, which is the oldest and arguably the most heated rivalry in the league. The Chicago quarterback, Jim McMahon, making his first start after missing three games because of a shoulder injury, completed 12 of 32 passes for 95 yards and three interceptions.

At East Rutherford, New Jersey, Raul Allegre, of the New York Glants, ticked four field goals, including the game-winner with six seconds left, to give the Giants their fifth consecutive win, a 19-16 decision against the Deaver Broncos.

The Cleveland Browns and the Cincinnati Bengals remained level on top of the AFC Central. At Cleveland, Bernie Kosar completed a 414-yard passing effort, a career best, with a 36-yard scoring strike to the Redkins' regular quarterback a year ago when Joe
Theismann sustained a leg fracture which ended his career.
Washington have won 15 of
their 18 games since.
At Foxboro, Massachusetts,
Greg Bâry caught the first
touchdown pass of his career, a
13-yard toss from Tony Eason
hmin 40sec from time, to lift the
New England Patriots to a
comeback win. The Buffalo

Kosar completed a 414-yard
passing effort, a career best, with
a 36-yard scoring strike to
Webster Slaughter in overtime,
giving the Browns s 37-31 win
against the Pittsburgh Steelers:
at Cincinnati, Minnesota Vikings lost 24-20.

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24, Minnesota Vikings 20; Clevsland Browns 37, Pittsburgh Steelers 31; San Francisco 49ens 20, Attenta Fetcons 0; Los Angeles Rams 26, New Ordens Sainus 13; Seatile Seebawics 24, Philadel-phia Eegles 20; St Louis Cardinals 23, Kansas City Chiefs 14; Washington Red-sides 41, Dallas Cowboys 14. AMERICAN CONFERENCE

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• Does not include last night's game:
ettami Delphine v New York Jeta Staffordshire triumphed io the Midlands section, winning seveo of their eight matches. Their forward, Jane Swin-nerton, scored 10 goals in those games and returns to the Mid-

Victory bound: Navratilova on the way to her Virginia Slims triumph

Slims final brings a fat purse for the world champion

Martina Navratilova goes into a six-week winter recess following her 7-6, 6-3, 6-2 victory over Steffi Graf in the final of the Virginia Stims championships knowing that she is £1.3million richer than

one year ago.
It's definitely been a year to remember," said the 30-year-old American after being crowned American after being crowned official world champion for the fourth successive year. "It's been great, winning the Slims championships twice in one year, winning Wimbledon and the US Open in the same year. "There have been some memorable matches—one that I lost against Chris Lloyd in the Erroch and one against Steffi at

French and one against Steffi at the Open that I won. Of course, going to Czechoslovakia and winning there and just being there, that was a very emotional time.'

sclectors in a quandary by withdrawing Paul Simpson, the Bath No 8, has already an-nounced he is available for the North.

The selectors will look to Simpson's club colleague Dave Egerton — providing he has recovered from the back injury which has sidelized him all season — in time for the first From Barry Wood, New York

has been playing better this year than ever before. If think I have to play better because everybody else is playing a lot better. It's astricult to tell maybe in given match, but overall this streak of 53 straight wins has been more difficult than anyare tougher to beat now."

The break she will now take is a time for relaxation, but for Miss Navratilova that does not mean sitting in froot of a television or reading a book. "I'll be going to Aspen, Colorado, and doiog a lot of skiing," she announced. For her defeated opponent,

the the highlight had oothing to do with tennis. She was playing a tournament in Los Angeles in August when one of her dogs—she often travels with has seen her claim eight tourhas seen her claim eight tour-nament titles. During that time five, including a miniature called KD (Killer Dog) — went missiog. Distressed, Miss Navratilova made appeals oo TV and io oewspapers for its

South Carolina, Just last month she won the Pretty Polly Classic io Brighton by beating Catarina

But her success has taken its toll. Throughout the week in New York 17-year-old Miss Graf looked a pale reflection of after her defeat that she was

"It's been a long season, Playing singles and doubles" (in which she has formed a successful partnership with Gabrick Sabatini) and winning so many matches is difficult. I don't feel I've played too many tour-nameots, but I haven't had time to work oo my game because I've been playing so much."

Now she plans to play an exhibition with Hana Mandlikova, practise a little with her coach Pavil Slozil and then take two weeks off without

picking up a racket.

"That two weeks will be hard,
I'll be getting bored," she
grinned. "I will also do some grifficu. 1 win also do some conditioning and play some basketball or a little soccer or hockey just for fun."
VERGINIA SLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP: Singles final M Nevrablova (US) bt S Graf (WG), 7-6, 6-3, 6-2.

ICE HOCKEY

Home blend assists Racers

By Norman de Mesquita to see the home-bred Mark

Johannesburg (Reuter) — Venezucian Bernardo Pinango defends his World Boxing Association (WBA) bantam-weight title against South Af-rican Samson Skosana on Saturday in what is likely to be the last title fight in South Africa for some time. A common criticism of the sport's present revival is that most clubs rely on too few players. The imports (limited to three per club) are given too much ice time and this restricts the development of home-bred players. Certainly, success is hard to come by without three top-class imports but strength in depth is also an essential ingredient.

Murrayfield Racers have the advantage of three excellent imports and io addition. Tony Hand, who is probably the best player this country has ever produced. He was once again a leading contributor (two goals and nine assists) as Racers scored their sixth successive premier division win – 17-5 against Solihull Barons – and took their goals tally to 84. Rick Fera (nine goals and two assists) reached 50 poiots, and tops the individual scoring list, two ahead of Hand.

Dundee Rockets also took their winning run to six and, while the former Czechoslovak international, Jaroslav Lycka, while the former Czechoslovak
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contributed three goals and
three assists, it was encouraging

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championship two years ago, a 4-0 win over Yorkshire on the

Slater have his first five-goal game. Martin McKay achieved the first premier division shutout of the season. li was poor Cleveland Bomb-

ers who were on the receiving end in Dundee, and having signed a new Canadian defencement, Marty Williamson, who made his debut in the home defeat to Streethern Ped. home defeat to Streatham Redskins on Saturday, they lost Grant Hansen early in Sunday's game with a knee injury. He was their third import to be injured. The Redskins did oot fare so

The Redskins did oot fare so well on Sunday as Nottingham Panthers gained an easy wio in the south London rink to follow Saturday's home win over Fife Flyers. It was their third win over the Flyers in successive weekends. Flyers also went down to Durham Wasps on Sunday and something will have to be done to arrest their alarming decline which has seen them suffer seven successive league and cup defeats. league and cup defeats.

their player-coach, Gary Stefan, suffered a broken collarbone midway through their defeat by Medway Bears. Lee Valley Lions kept up their

winning ways in a surprisingly close game at Richmond, but Trafford Metros (formerly Al-trincham Aces) returned to the top of the divisioo following away wins over livine Wings and Glasgew Eagles.

Peterborough Pirates retained the only 100 per cent record in the division with an easy home wio over Blackpool Seaguils, while Telford Tigers maintained their challenge with an 11-5 win against Sunderland Chiefs.

Chiefs.

HEINERCEN LEAGUE: Premier divisions: Ayr Bruins 12, Sollbul Barrons 5; Gevelend Bombers 5, Streethers Redskirts 11; Nothingham Panthers 7, File Ryers 6; Ayr Bruins 7; Whitley Warntons 1; Dutroles Rociets 15, Cleveland Bombers 0; Durcham Waspe 8, File Ryers 6; Murrayfield Racers 17, Sollbul Barrons 5; Streethers Redskirts 6, Nothingham Panthers 10, First division: Blackpool Seguits 12, Oxford City Stars 8; Invine Wings 8, Trafford Metros 13; Slough Jets 7, Boummouth Stags 1; Sunderland Chiefs 5, Teltord Tigers 11; Swindom Wildests 6, Southampton Villages 14; Glasgow Esgles 5, Trafford Metros 9; Medway Bears 10, Slough Jets 7; Peterborough Pirates 14, Blackpool Seaguits 3; Richmond Ryers 3, Lee Valley Lions 5.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Lancashire achieve clean sweep

By Joyce Whitehead

Three goals scored by Mar-garet Souyave gave Lancashire, absence, who won the national county Leicestershire, the holders, Leicestershire, the holders, had a lapse earlier in the championship when Shropshire held them to a 0-0 draw. This of December 6 and 7. last day of the North county championship on Sunday, send-ing them into the record books. cost them a tie with Stafford-shire, and they fioished second. Berkshire had a clear win in They won all their nine matches, scoring 39 goals against three conceded. The North selectors have named a squad for trials.

Berkshire had a clear win in the South championship, after drawing 1-1 with Buckinghamshive earlier in their tournament shire earlier in their tournament and losing 3-2 to Middlesex, the holders and this year's runners-

up last Saurday.
Suffolk, like Staffordshire,
won all but one of their matches
and were unbeaten in the East.
Essex, the holders, took second

place, four points behind. The East have selected a large squad to go to further trials, and the West finish their county championship on the weeker MIDLANDS TEAM: M Burrows (Dorby

shire), A Goecher (Northemptonshire), L Bayliss, Skationtelme), K Lobb (Lenaster-shire), E McVey (Bodfordelme), S Wright (Lenastershire), C Prys (Warwackshire), J Shoppidi (Warwackshire), K Gordon Committee (Warwackshire), K Gordon Szemith (Warwickshie), K Gordon (Leicestershire), J Wardine (Stefford-shire), J Swinnerson (Steffordshire), SOUTH TEAM: O Ordond (Surrey), J Thompson (Berkshire), M Flamagen (Middlesex), J Britis (Surrey), K Dedd (Berkshire), S Fryth (Berkshire), S Rammel (Middlesex), H Steffor (Middlesex), H Steffor (Middlesex), B Steffor (Middlesex), B Steffor (Middlesex), A Pemberion (Middlesex), A Pemberion (Middlesex),

Demand for change has cut no ice with the Australian selectors

CRICKET: BORDER GIVEN LITTLE ROOM FOR MANOEUVRE

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Perth

players for the second Test match, starting here on Friday, the Australian selectors resolutely resisted the advice that was being showered upon them. It had been suggested they bring in Whitney or Gilbert, if not both, who bowled New South Wales to victory over England at the weekend, or to recall McDermott. Hookes or

lo fact the only change they have made from the side that lost in Brisbane is to leave out Hughes, who took most wickets for them there (five for 162). Io his place comes Peter Sleep, a leg-spinning all-rounder from South Australia, whose 17 wickets in the last Australian season cost him 55 runs apiece.

Sleep is 29, and a good natural cricketer - an attractive striker of the ball, a very useful fielder and rather more a spinner than a roller of his leg breaks. He played four times for Australia, with limited success, between 1978-79 (when Packer was creaming off all the best Australian players he could) and 1982-83, in such diverse places as Bombay. Melbourne, and Faisalabad.

Sleep's three Test wickets cost 381 runs and in eight innings he made 124 with a top score of 64, against India in New Delhi. If he plays on Friday it may be more for his batting (he has scored 10 firstclass hundreds) than his bowling. The faster bowlers are usually given most of the work

When choosing their 12 Their Open golf champion- bowling into the Fremantle ship was won recently by Rodger Davis, who, not so long ago, became sufficiently disenchanted to give up the game for two years. Now Sleep is back after doing the same for the whole of the season

before last. Davis retrieved his clubs from the attic because he had lost most of his money, and Sleep found he missed the fun of playing cricket. For South Australia against the present England side in Adelaide, he made 66 and 27 and took three for 103 in 39 overs.

Lawson holds his place in the 12 without having bowled anything like as effectively as either Whitney or Gilbert for New South Wales, in Newcastle. His performance was partly excused, though, because he was not fit. Reid and Chris Matthews, whose in-experience with the new ball

Australia's 12 A R Border (capt), O C Boon, G R Marsh, O M Jones, G M Rinchle, G R J Matthews. P R Sloep, S R Waugh, T II Zoehrer, G F Lawson, C O Matthews, 2 A Reid.

told against Australia in Bris-

bane, are also retained. It looks very much as though the selectors had de-cided after Australia lost the first Test that, for better or worse, they would make only the one change, irrespective of what happened over the weekend. I am inclined to feel sorry already done so.

for Border. The wind being a significant factor on the Perth ground may have counted with the selectors in choosing Reid and Matthews. Being West Australians, the two are familiar with back io Australian sport. it J.K.?) saying once that relaxed."

Doctor when it was really blowing so shortened his stride that at the end of his normal run-up he found himself still a good yard short of the bowling crease.

England have three days here in which to take advantage of what are usually very good practice facilities, and to work themselves back into the right frame of mind for

Friday.

More time is being spent in Perth on this tour than anywhere else. By the time the team get to Sydney for the first time on January 8, they will have been to Perth on three separate occasions and had 24

Each time they come over from Sydney, they have to put their watches back three hours. That is how far it is. But the flights are comfortable and usually on time, and they are nothing compared with what professional golfers undertake for a pastime.

I am getting a little bored with hearing how difficult the players find it to motivate themselves after a Test match. That, after all, is what they are paid to do, and they owe it to a great many people, not least their hosts and the less prominent members of the side. It would be as well if the management were to remind them of this, if they have not

I think the senior players fied these games wearing." said Gatting after England had been humbled by on Sunday. "It's a bit like after the Lord Mayor's Show, After the tension has been so high for five It is the year of the come- it. I recall Peter Lever (or was days everyone is totally

Haynes defies fiery Imran

A devastating spell of fast bowling by Imran Khan ensured

that the third and final Test match between Pakistan and West Indies enters its final day today with both teams holding a chance of victory. Imran took the last five West Indies wickets in 33 balls at a cost of 10 runs af-West Indies were all out for

211, with Haynes carrying his bat for 88 after an innings which lasted four minutes short of seven hours. Pakistan, needing 213 to win the match, and the series, made 16 for the loss of Qasim Omar and Salim Yousuf. All day it was absorbing as West Indies grimly battled for

runs against bowling of the highest class. Imvan's inspired final spell brought unexpected drama just when it seemed West Indies were inching their way to an unreachable total. lmran, who is 34 today, and playing his last home Test, finished with 6 for 46, the

nineteenth time he has taken five or more wickets in a Test innings. He dug deep into his stamina to produce a fire and hostility that was remarkable for a man, who on Sunday's rest day

Nor must the performance of Oadir be overlonked. His stamina and accuracy were remarkable as he returned figures of 32-6-61-3 and kept the bassmen

constantly bemused.
The West Indies resolution to The West Indies resolution to put themselves beyond defeat can be gauged best by the scoring from each session. Before lunch they scored 52 in 29 overs for the loss of Richardson and Gomes; in the afternoon's two hours, 48 runs came from 29 overs and Richards and Richards and Richards and Richards and Richards and Richards and Series of three Tests or more, this is only the third third third third is only the third t

Dujon fell. The rout began by five and Pakistan could not nnexpected. Haynes, who survived a half chance on 18 on Saturday, never wavered from his patient approach and finished with only four fours. He is the third West

Indian after Worrell at Trent Bridge in 1957 and Hunte against Australia at Port of Spain in 1964-65 to carry his bat through a Test innings, although Haynes was the last man out in both innings against New Zea-land at Duncoin in 1979-80. West Iodies, resuming at 84

for one, lost Richardson after an hour when he was caught by Ramiz Raja off Qadir at silly point. Ramiz, incidently, did oot make the second slowest Test fifty on Saturday. I overlooked Tavarë's 352-minute was tave at 1 overl's against Pakistan stay at Lord's a io 1982, which follows Bailey in

this particular list. Qadir also dismissed Gomes, who was undone by a flipper that kept low, which brought Richards in 10 minutes before lunch. Richards had a tense duel with Imran before deciding that the run-rate needed quickening if Pakistan were to he set a target. Successively be drove Qadir for six and four, cut another four and glanced a three. At the other end, though, he drove lazily against Imran and was caught behind. In 18 series of three Tests or more,

Imran was then completely afford to let their deficit stretch much further. Imran returned after tea to Qadir's end and his third and fourth balls dismissed Harper and Marshall as both men played half back. Butts had several narrow escapes as he lasted eight overs before he mis-

> backward square leg. In Imran's next over successive balls removed Gray's middle stump and Walsh's off stump.
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> Qasim opened Pakistan's in-nings with Mohsin Khan and sparred at Gray's third ball and was caught behind. Salim showed strokes untypical of

hooked Imran and was held at

short leg from the penultimate WEST INDIES: First inploos 240 R V

nightwatchmen and was held at

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I'V J Duon c Yusuf b Jaffer
R A Harper b Innan
R O Marshall Ibw b Innan
C G Butts c Mothein b Imman
C G Butts (b 7, b 13, nb 7, w 1)
Extras (b 7, b 13, nb 7, w 1)
Total 854 Award

Total (85.4 overs) 271

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-36, 2-109, 3-126, 4-159, 5-171, 6-186, 7-186, 5-209, 9-211.

SOWLING: Invan John 22.4-2-46-5; Salim Jaffer 14-0-23-1; Tauseef Ahrmed 12-2-36-0; Abdul Cadir 44-8-84-3; Asii Mujaha 3-2-2-0.

Total (2 wkts) ______ FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-16.

Britain are united Speedie in against Cavan



Finishing touch: Hateley rounds off his solo effort for Milan Players to pronounce on Dennis

By Clive White

Mark Dennis, the Southamp-ton full back, will have been ton full back, will have been judged twice in the space of a few days by his fellow players when he goes before the Professional Footballers' Association management committee at the weekend. Yesterday, Deanis was fined more than half a week's wages by his club colleagues after he was sent off for the teath time in his career last week in the Littlewoods Cup tie against oods Cup tie against

Aston Villa, Chris Nicholl, his manager, Chris Nicholl, his manager, who sat on the players' committee yesterday, said: "His record is arrocious but he has tried to improve it. I've had plenty of talks with him about his behaviour and we thought we were winning. Before last week he had received just 16 points, which is not a lot. People were beginning to talk about him for his football. "He's certainly a marked man

"He's certainly a marked man now and he's going to find it even more difficult." This Sanday, Dennis faces the PFA commit-Dennis faces the PFA commit-tee, charged with bringing the Association into disrepute following a complaint received from Alian Evans, of Villa. Gordon Taylor, the secretary, said that he had spoken to Deanis in the past about his record. "When you speak to him

record. When you speak to him he can be like a chairboy but, on mitigation he's had personal problems but, for all that, the answer lies with him and he's got to learn to count to 10."

Taylor added: "We're only

Taylor added: "We're only going to make progress in improving players' discipline if, when there are serious cases, we try and do something about it. There are three courses of action open to the committee should they find Dennis guilty — a reprimand, suspension or expulsion from the PFA. I wouldn't like to think it would be an extreme step without giving a warning to the player first."

The committee will consist of Brian Talbot (Watford, chairman), Paul Hart (Shefield Wednesday), Garth Crooks (West Bromwick Albion), Mick man), Paul Hart (Sheffield Wednesday), Garth Crooks (West Browwich Albion), Mick Maguire (Oldham Athletic), John Deehan (Ipswich Town), Kenny Alica (Swindon Town) and two others.

for grabs

no secret of the fact be would welcome back the 25-year-old England forward, who left Fratton Park for £900,000 two

Ironically, Hateley scored his first goal of the season for Milan on Sunday, a brilliant effort in which he picked up a loose ball from inside his own half and went past three Avellino defend-

ers before scoring. Holders at home

Altrincham, the FA Trophy olders, begin their title defence at home against Northern League side Crook Town in the first round of this season's competition. Their opponents in the final last year, Runcorn, face a trickier task at Bishop Auckland. The matches will be

PREST ROUND DRAW: Nacclestield Town or Granthum v Blyth Sperans; Marine v Leek Town; Norshock victoria v Burton Albion; Gaersborough Trinity v South Benk; Bromagrove Hovers v Hlyt; Telford v Kings Lynn or Numenion Borough; Newcestle Blue Star v Stafford Rangers; Whitby Town or Southport v Gaeshand; Scarborough v Morecerate; Bistop Aucklend v Runcom; (Molaminator Harriers v Hythe United or Mossley; Barrow v Whitley Bay, Africation v Crock Town; Boston United v Frickley; Methyr Tydli v Dertford; Werabley or Crawley Town; v Bath City, Barnet v Working Town: Historia or Cershatton Arthetic v Statens Town or Borelaum Wood; Troubridge Town v Bishop's Stortiond; Westlottone v Maldistone United; Bealingstoke or Weston-tuper-Mare v Worthing; Barling v Weymouth; Erikeld v Aylestony United; Cristenham Town v Grays Athletic or Dutwich Hamlet; Sattesh United v Rendsm Conty Town; Chemisolinal Town or Ashford Town; Cambridge City v Sough Town v Yeoril Town; Welling United v St Alberts City. Wycombe Wanderers v Harrow Borough.

England pair up

AC Milan have decided to release their England inter-nationals Mark Hateley and Ray Wilkins at the end of the Italian season, a move which is likely to set off a furious scramble among English clubs keen to sign them.

Liverpool, the League cham-pions, and Arsenal, the first division leaders, have both asked to be kept informed of Hateley's situation, who may also attract the attentions of Porsmouth, his former club. John Deacon, chairman of the second division club, has made

on issue of unity By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Harry Cavan, who recently suggested that the home countries could be forced to play in the countries could be forced to play I think the Europeans would let under one flag after the next world Cup finals, has inadvertently succeeded in uniting the four British associations. The reaction that he has becomen invested in his processes and provided the countries will be commented to be commented. Nor, for one moment, do in him the Europeans would let a be a second that he has been also a second that the countries will be commented. Nor, for one moment, do in him the Europeans would let a second the countries will be commented to be a second to play in him the Europeans would let a second the countries will be commented. Nor, for one moment, do in him the Europeans would let a second the countries will be commented to play in him the Europeans would let a second to play in him the let a His statement, unveiled in his own Irish homeland, has been erceted there and elsewhere with a mixture of astonishment and

His opinion has betnused even FIFA, the world's governing body of which he happens to
be a vice-president and Britain's
lone representative. A spokesman in Berne said yesterday
that Cavan's view is about as
realistic as foreseeing the global
competition being staged on the
moon "within the next 50.

The international committee of the Northern Ireland Football Association met with Cavan last weekend to discuss the matter and later issued a statement of their own. They disassociated themselves with his words and reaffirmed that "our policy, in common with the other three associations, is to preserve a separate identity."

Ted Croker, speaking on be-half of England as the Football Association's secretary, was "horrified" to hear of the proposal. "For our man in FIFA to come out with this kind of comment is just unbelievable," he said. "He has had the incredible good fortune to be our representative for the last 24

"He has always had the backing of the four associations but for him to make such a Statement is very, very serious. We will undoubtedly be meeting early in the new year to discuss the full implications."

There is a thought that Cavan may unwittingly have en-dangered his position with FIFA.

"It is ironic that this should arise during the year in which the international committee, which was formed initially to write the rules of the game, should be celebrating its cen-tenary," Croker pointed out. "We have been in existence independently, in other words, right from the start."

The Scots are equally deter-mined to maintain their isola-tion Ernie Walker, the secretary north of the Border, stated "with absolute assurance that we will not be united with anybody. There is no question that the

League and A refined joint liaison committee is to make its debut this

afternoon (Stuart Jones writes). Two teams of four, representing the Football Association and the Football League, will assemble at Lancaster Gate and the outcome of their discussions is expected to be regarded as little more than a scoreless draw.

Such talks between the game's two main governing bodies are notoriously improductive. At last week's full meeting, for instance, it was decided merely

Another Stein

Edwin Stein, the brother of the Luton Town forwards, Brian and Mark, is included in a squad of 17 for a representative match between an FA XI and a Vauxhall-Opel League side at the Metropolitan Police FC on

the Metropolitan Police FC on December 3.

FA SQUAD: R Feeron (Sutton), S Humphriez (Barnet), A Viscows (Chettenham), A Risk (Degenham), G Crease (Bernet), G Johnson (Chettesford), S Taptey (Westistone), E Duffield (Enfeld), E Sain (Barnet), A Wallace (Westistone), G Torrance (Maidstone), O Doyle (Westistone), G Albert (Welling), P. Mickimson (Sutton), B Buster (Maidstone), M Evens (Barnet), P William (Chelmstord).

Rearranged date Northampton Town, the run-away fourth division leaders, have re-arranged their fourth division home game with Exeter City for December 2.

Great Britain team manager,

last two years but all the selectors' minds are very open."

provoked. He feels that his idea, out forward during an interview conducted on the flight back from Ireland's European Championship qualifying tie in Turkey a formight ago, has been "blown up out of all proportion."

He was concerned that, on the agenda of FIFA's meeting in Mexico in June, was an "African proposal to reduce the British vote from four to one. It was rejected but João Havelange, the president, reached a diplomatic compromise by agreeing for the constitution to be reviewed by a

It will assemble for the first time next month and will meet, according to FIFA's spokesman, "only two or three times a year from then on. "Little, if any-thing, will be substantially al-tered before 1988, by which time the qualifying stages of the next. World Cup will be under way."

World Cup will be under way."

Cavan admins that the odds on Britain being united "are probably a million to one. I was just putting forward one of the options. I was expressing a fear rather than making a prediction. I was making a guess that possibly the pattern of the World Cup might change."

He confirmed that he will resist any such plans for as long as he remains a member of FIFA's executive committee. "The home associations met four weeks ago and they said

four weeks ago and they said that they would do all in their power to defend their rights," he added. "I support them ent-

The recent success of England, Scotland and Northern Ireland, all of whom reached the finals of the last two World Cups, has further diminished the chances of Britain being used as a political football in the global game. Walker has no doubts about the support that will be offered on the Continent.
Can you imagine Europeans allowing four potentially lu-crative sources of income being reduced to one?" he asked. They wouldn't do that merely to satisfy the whims of African politicians, the names of whose countries they cannot pro-nounce and, even if they could, they wouldn't know where the hell they are, anyway."

FA to meet has already been agreed that no statement will be issued after

today's gathering.
The FA has selected Bert Millichip, the chairman, Les Mackay and Geoff Thompson, the chairmen of the disciplinary committee and the county con-ference respectively, and Ted Croker, the secretary. The League's line-up includes Philip Carter, Ken Bates and Ian Stott, the chairmen of Everton, Chel-sea and Oldham Athletic, and

Dennison out Gillingham, who suspended Richard Dempison, their secretary, last week on full pay, yesterday dispensed with his services after eight years. Eddie Chapman, the former West Ham secretary, is working at the third division club temporarily.

Not Workington

Workington, the Multipart League club, have closed their Borough Park ground as a safety precuation. It is unlikely to be used again until structural work is carried out. Directors of the club made the decision following concern about public safety expressed by Cumbria county council-

line for Chelsea recall

David Spectic, who has been left out of the Chelsen first team for the last nine games after asking for a transfer, may be recalled for tonight's third-round Fall Members Cup tie at West Ham United. The Scottish international forward has been included in a squad of 14, as pressure mounts on the Chelsen

nameter, John Hollins.

Speedie scored twice in the reserves' 9-2 win at Reading on Samrday, and Hollins is under-stood to have held lengthy take with him in an attempt to resolve their differences.
Around 600 Chelses.
suppporters staged a sit-down protest after the first term lost 3. 1 to Newcastle United at Stam-ford Bridge on Saturday.

Now it looks likely that Speedie will be given a chance to resume his partnership with the England international, Kerry Dixon, which has produced 87 League and cup goals in the past two seasons. Speedie's chance of a return is helped by Gordon Durie's slight thigh strain.

For West Ham, Devoushire is suffering from a heavy cold. Paul Ince, a beenager, may make his first-team debut if Devon-shine does not recover. Stewart is also doubtful with a his string injury.

In tonight's other third-round In tonight's other third-round ties, last season's semi-finalists, Oxford United, are struggling to raise a fit side to face Blackburn Roress at Ewood Park with five first-team players — Judge (cartilage), Charles (cartilage), Trewick (broken nose), Slatter

(knee) and Phillips (virus) -The Blackburn manager, Bobby Saxton, has decided to play his Northern Irehand inter-national forward. Jimmy Quinn, in the game despite the bad reception Quinn has had at Ewood Park recently. Miller is omitted from the Blackburn squad after having five stitches, in a gashed anide from Saturday.

Charlton Athletic, who have suffered five successive defeats, may have their midfield player, Waish, and the defender, Agboola, who is on loan from Southampton, back after injury to face second division Bradford City at Selburst Park. The Chariton goalkeeper, Johns, sent off for the first time in his career against Southampton on a shoulder injury, sustained in the challenge with Wallace which led to his dismissal. Bolder will take over from him.

Mike Quian, the second division's leading scores, is out of the Portsmouth squad at Sheffield Wednesday. Quinn, sherheld Wednesday. Quinn, the scorer of 15 goals this season, suffered a foot injury in the 2-1 win over Grinasby Town on Saturday. The reserve forward, Rusself, is called up.

In their second-round tie, I paylick Town are expected to be unchaoged at Reading, Clegborn, who missed his first match of the season against; Barnsley on Saturday because of a groin strain is included in the squad but his chances of playing;

Punishment for Brighton 3

The Brighton manager, Alan Mullery, will field his entire fast team against Easthourne United in a Sussex Senior Cup the tonight as a punishment first their losing 2-0 at home to the lowly Blackburn, on Saunday. Brighton have now slipped to their worst League position for three years and have won only one of their last eight matches. They were booed off the pitch on Saunday when Mullery, in his second spell as manager of the club, described their perforthe cinb, described their performance as the worst of the season. He said: "Saturday's performance was disgusting. We need our players to become hard

men and out be so nice."

FOR THE RECORD

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HANDBALL

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RUGBY UNION

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(WG), 6-7, 7-8, 7-8.

Norman signs

Greg Norman, the Australia Greg Norman, the Australia golfer, will compete in the Australian match-play championship and the Victorian Open in Melbourne next February. Norman, who is already committed in playing the Australian Masters that month, signed a contract yesterday to play in the Victorian open and match-play tournaments for the next three years.

GYMNASTICS Final timings too early for athletes

Lyss (AFP) — The proposed mid-morning gymnastic finals at the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul have met with opposition from the sport's governing body. If the finals are to start at 10am as suggested, the competitors will need to start warming up by 7.30, which means they will have to get up two hours earlier. "Television is all very well, but we are more concerned about the health of our athletes, notably the young girls," a spokesman for the international gymnastics federation (FIG) said in Switzerland yesterday.

Last week, the Korean Olympic organisers revealed a programme which had two-thirds of all the Olympic sports holding finals before 2pm — presumably to coincide with prime viewing time in the United States.

TENNIS

Two Swedes for Becker

New York (AFP) - The draw for the Grand Prix Masters, made by the Men's Inter-national Professional Tennis Council here yesterday, pits the world No. 1, Ivan Lendl, of Czechoslovakia, agaiost Sweden's Stefan Edberg, France's Yannick Noah and Ecuador's Andres Gomez in the first round.

Boris Becker of West Germany, the Wimbledon cham-pion, heads the other roundrobin group which comprises
Mats Wilander and Joakim
Nystrom of Sweden and
France's Henri Leconte. The tournament is to be played from December 3 to 8 at Madisoo Square Garden.

BOBSLEIGHING

Fast fillip for Phipps

Nick Phipps tackles next week's opening World Cup event of the season for the Veltins Cup in Winterberg, boosted by a major success in Canada last weekend with Alan Cearns, his brakeman. The British pair clocked the second fastest time of the week during the first training runs on the 1988 Olympic track at Calgary.

As further evidence of their form and potential they also set the fastest start time of 5.36sec in their new Swiss-designed the fastest start time of 5.30sec in their new Swiss-designed Allied Steel sledge.

Hoppe, East Germany's world and Olympic champion, was only 0.001 see ahead of Phipps in establishing the first unofficial track record at Calgary.

It was in the Veltins Cup, traditionally the opening meeting, that Phipps first hit the headlines two years ago. After gaining Britain's first top ten finish in the competition, with revently place in the transparent seventh place in the two-man event, he drove his crew to

event, he drove his crew to second in the four-man.

Last season the Londoner, aged 34, capped his most successful season by winning Britain's first gold medal for 20 years in the World Cup twoman competition at Cortina.

Either side of the Veltins Cup,
Phipps will strive to repeat the
double he pulled off two years
ago by winning both British
titles. The four-man event takes

SWIMMING

Foster to go in at the deep end

shire Bank swimming trials at Leicester, leaves today with a British squad of 18 to race in next weekend's major Esso international meeting at Toronto. Swimming against the United States, there is the chance that Foster, aged 16, will find himself matched against the towering Matt Biondi, America's latest world record holder for 50 metres and 100 metres freestyle. metres freestyle.

One thing is certain — with East and West Germany, Japan and the Soviet Union, as well as Canada, strongly represented, the Southend youngster will be tested by world-class opposition. On his form at Leicester he will revel in the experience. The Toronto venture is all part of a new development structure planned for Britain's international swimmers.

The aim of the Federation is o make the winter season more ppealing and competitive and twas announced yesterday that

by making the winter season as regularly interesting and exciting as we saw in the trials at Leicester, we can surge forward Mark Foster, the record-breaking sprinter of the York-shire Bank swimming trials at appealing and competitive and it was announced vesterday that it was announced yesterday that at the beginning of January a selected British squad will be flown to Florida for 10 days training at sunny Mission Bay to prepare for a range of events on

Paul Hickson, international team chief coach, says a major aim in British swimming now is to make the sport that much more attractive at the highest national level and hopes that this will discourage those at the top from thinking of taking up scholarships in the States. He says: "There are no better coaches in the world than those we have in Britain. Many of our young swimmers are tempted to go to colleges in the States, thinking they will become faster. But so many have returned disappointed. We consider that

internationally in a big way."
Following the Toronto events, Hickson will fly to Orlando in Florida for the following week's US Open Championships to study form generally—but particularly that of British swimmers like the Olympic medalism Andy Jameson Neil medalists Andy Jameson, Neil Cochran and Paul Howe, currently studying in the States.

Lloyd back in US Nigel Lloyd, the American basketball guard, who filled in as a temporary replacement for Will Brown of Sharp Manches-ter United, has returned to the United States now that his comparint has recovered from a broken jaw. Lloyd is attempting to make the grade with Cincinnati in the CBA.

HOCKEY

Britain's search for young talent

By Sydney Friskin

He added that he did not know what factors—such as age, availability, injury and loss of form—might affect the 16 players who made up the bronze medal winning team at Los Angeles. Describing Argentina and South Korea as the best of the three constituent associations at With a little under two years to go before the 1988 Olympic Games in Scoul, Roger Self, the Great Britain team manager, began a talent-spotting exercise on Sunday at Birmingham where he watched the County Championship match between Worcestershire and the Army.

Laying special emphasis on youth and fitness as 33 of Great Britain's young players prepare for their first training weekend at Lilleshall on Friday, he said: "My idea is that the seasoned players have not already been handed their tickets for Seoal. They have achieved much in the last two years but all the and South Korea as the best of the new, emerging, nations, he drew attention to Argentina's fitness, acceleration and natural aptitude for the game. These factors, be said, could make them a real force to be reckoned with in two water time.

with in two years time.

For the purpose of motivating the younger players, a Great Britain junior side will play as the Unicorns in the Los Reyes tournament from January 3 to 6

constituent associations at Lilleshall on Saturday. There will also be a meeting of honorary treasurers of the Great Britain Hockey Board, and the three constituent associations, at Crystal Palace on December 13. The purpose is to discuss and agree financial aspects of Great Britain's programme over the coming months and leading up to the 1988 Olympic Games.

by Paul Newman

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Dimming out the picture of protest

 Back on the Frontier (ITV, 10.30pm), Francis Gérard's lengthy and comprehensive anatomy of South Africa's racial turmoil, stops well short of the apocalyptic conclusion that the lights are going out all over the Republic. But we actually do see some lights going out during the film, and it occurs during the interview with Winnie Mandela wife of the imprisoned ANC leader. In full flood, and specifically just as she begins to expand her point about President Botha's stopping at nothing, her house-lights fail. We learn, in Gérard's commentary, that the Army had cut off the power supply, and that the crew filming the interview in Mrs Madela's home in Soweto, were subsequently taken into detention, and told to leave the township. The wonder is that the

CHOICE South African military authorities did not similarly interfere with the electricity supply during some of the other interviews we see tonight when, for example, the editor of an anti-apartheid newspaper, says there is a very thin line paper, says there is a very thin line between sitting at his desk in Johannesburg and carrying an AK. 47, and that the time is not far off when he will say "To hell with newspaper offices. Let's go to the bush. That's where this battle is going to be decided." However, Back on the Frontier is not a one-sided with the properties of the properties. sided view of apartheid. White South Africans also state their case, but you do not have to be a militant opponent of apartheid to hear the hollow ring in many of their arguments. The blacks, says one farmer, do not have the same

degree of responsibility as the whites. A pity somebody did not ask him: Whose fault is that? There is another anatomy of protest on television tonight, the Forty Minutes film The Dump (BBC2, 7.50pm). This time, it is the Lincolnshire villagers of Fulbeck whose discontent, earlier this year, approached boiling point because of test drilling to decide whether Fulbeck will be the site of a burial dump for ouclear waste. A leading article in *The Times* called the protesters middle-class, middle-aged hooligans.
There may well be such people in
Fulbeck, but they are not in
evidence tonight. There is the
squire who fears for his family soil and sees his land-owning role as that of a trusteeship for life. There is the rector who enunciates his parishioners loss of faith in the

word of scientists and politicians.
And there are the fete
competitions who, suitably
disfigured, parade as Miss
Chernobyl and Miss Three-Mile
Island. If there are hooligans in
The Dump, they might be in the
ranks of the tractor-drivers who
block the main roads to deny block the main roads to deny access to the site-drillers.

 Radio highlights: Benny Green's indispensable biography of Frank Sinata tonight concentrates on his frequent retirements (Radio 2, 9.00pm); the cellist Ralph Kirshbaum plays two concertos, the Saint-Saens and Honegger's (Radio 3, 12.15pm and 1.05); and Mike Gwillym stars in Gorin's multi-layered play about a 356BC arsonist, Forget Herostratus (Radio 3, 7.30pm).

Peter Davalle



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Villagers of Fulbeck combine in an anti-nuclear dumping protest: BBC2, 7.50pm

BBC1 6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.30 News headlines followed by The Flintstones (r) 6.55 Weather.
7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank
Bough, Sally Magnusson and
Jeremy Pauman. News at 7.00, 7:30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00;

7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00;
regional news, weather and
travel at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15;
weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25.
8.40 Watchdog. The way the
fibration of British Gas has
been handled is examined and
also whether the risks of share
owning have been made
sufficiently clear to the public
8.55 Regional news and
weather 9.00 News update and
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9.05 Day to Day with Robert Kilroy-Sik. 9.45 Advice Shop. Details of the help available to keep warm in winter 10.00 Neighbours. (r)

18.26 The Workbies (r) 10.25 Phillip Schoffeld with news of children's television programmes. 10.30 Play School.(r) 10.50 Heary's Cat.

Two to Eleven. Catherine Griller with a thought for the day 11.00 Vegetarian Kitchen. Sarah Brown with advice on the best way to cook brown rice. (r) 11:25 Open Aiz. Viewers' comments on television programmes. Championship Snooker. Highlights of yesterday's matches in the Tennants

United Kingdom Championship, 12.55 Regional news and weather.

1.00 One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Weather 1.25 Neighbours. Weather 1.25 Neighbours stop opera set in a Melbourne subtro 1.50 Stop-Go. (r)

2.00 Film: Our Vines Have Tender

Grapes" (1945) starring Edward G Robinson and Margaret O'Brien, Sentimenta tale of life in a Norwegian-American community in Wisconsin, as seen through the eyes of a young girl. Directed by Roy Rowland, 3,40 Cartoon: The Lonesome

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Jimbo and the Jet Set. (r) 4.00
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Captain Cavenan. (r) 4.00 onny Briggs, Drama serial 35 Record Breakers Includes efforts to break a record that has stood for 47 years.

5.00 John Creven's Newsround

5.10 Grange Hill. Episode 15 of the 24-part serial. (r) (Ceefax).

5.35 Masterbare.

the 24-part serial. (r) (Ceefax).
5.35 Masterbam.
6.00 News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Wichell. Weather.
6.35 London Plus.
7.00 Telly Addicts. After finishing level last week, the Byrnes from Aberdeen and the Reynish family from Swansea return for the replay.
7.30 EastEnders. Angle and Den return from their second honeymoon in Venice aboard the Orient Express. (Ceefax) 8.00 No Place Like Home. Arthur is on the homs of a dilemma. The on the homs of a dilemma. The vacant position in his office is

wanted by Beryl and also his boss's wife. (Ceefax) 8.30 Yes, Prime Minister. Poor Jim has to decide which candidate to recommend to the Queen for the post of Bishop. (r) 9.00 News with Julia Somerville and

Philip Hayton. Regional news and weather.

9.30 All the Best - Dave Allen. Highlights from the comedian's past series.

10.00 Film 86. Barry Norman reviews Anthony Perkins'a Psycho itt; and ecamines the implications of the involuntary mensioughter charge made against John Landis, the director of Twingth Zone, during the filming of which an actor and two child extras

vere killed. 10.30 Championahip Snooker. The last two third round matches in the Tennants United Kingdom Championship.

11.45 Ideas Unfinited, William Woollard examines British companies' staff suggestion schemes. 12.10 Weather.

9.00 Film...and Justice for All

9.00 Gherber. This week's edition includes a discussion on food and nutrition. 9.25 Cestex. and nutrition. 9.25 Ceefax.

9.35 Deytime on Two: apprentices in Austria at work and at play 9.52 Making a model city of the future; and examining light and dark 10.15 The story of a girl who befriends a badger 18.38 Investigating science: solving problems by measurement 11.00 Clothes for special decasions.

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occasions.

11.17 The history of London's Surrey Docks 11.40 Wondermains, part nine 11.57 Methematical investigations 12.10 Maths part nine 11.57 Mathematica investigations 12.10 Maths -scale 12.40 Part four of the series on political lobbylets 1.05 Yesterday's news from Madrid 1.38 Writing for an

2.00 You and Me. For four- and 2.00 You and Me. For four- and five- year olds. (r)
2.15 Parent Programme investigates a complaint by a parent who claimed she was made unwelcome when she visited her son in hospital.
2.30 Songe of Praise from Leeds Parish Church. (r) (Ceetax)
3.05 Chempionahip Snooker. The start of the last two third round matches in the Tennants United Kingdom Chempionship.

United Kingdom Championship 3.55 Regional news and

weather.
Pamele Armstrong with guests
Benny Green; antiques expert,
Tony Curtis; and Rosemany
Burr who has advice on buying
and selling shares in a day.
Plus a song from Randy

Crawford.
4.30 Championship Snooker.
Further action from the Guild Hall, Preston.
6.00 No Limits. This week's edition of the rock magazine programme comes from Stoke-on-Trent.

6.50 The Cage, by Ray Jenkins, A play about Paula, a girl in a high security assessment centra. Starring Amanda York(r) 7.20 My Music, A lighthearted

music quiz presented by Steve Race. With Frank Muir, John Amis, Ian Wallace and Denis 7.50 The Dump. A 40 Minutes. Special about the efforts by the villagers of Fulfseck to prevent the area becoming a nuclear waste dump site. The story is

told by Jancis Robinson (see 8.30 Food and Drink. The best kitchen gadgets for under a fiver; supermarket wines cooking, are on tonight's menu.

(1979) starring Al Pacino, Jack Warden, and John Forsythe. A satirical look at the American legal system with Pacino playing a young trouble-making attorney who is asked to defend one of his doughtiest opponents, a judge, who has been accused of rape. Directed by Norman Jewison.

10.55 Newsnight. 11.40 Weather. 9.25 Thames news headlines.
9.30 Schools: Physics - the laws of motion 9.55 What can be learnt from animals? 10.09 Street happenings 10.26 Britain's responsibilities 10.48
Geography: limestone 11.10
Calebratory music around the world 11.27 The harmful effects of smoking 11.44 effects of smoking 11.44 Poetry with music.

12.00 Tickle on the Tum. (r) 12.10
Rainbow. Learning to keep
warm, with the help of
puppets. (r) 12.30 The
Sulfivana. Drama serial about
an Australian family during the Forties.

ews at One with John Suchet 20 Thames news 1.30 Sorrell and Son. Episode three and Sorrell's career takes off and Sorrell's career takes off but not sufficiently to impress his son a headmaster. Starring Richard Pascoe, Gwen Watford, and Prunelle

Ransome. (r) (Oracle) 2.30 Daytime. Sarah Kennedy chairs a studio discussion on the course of action to take when a member of the family is on hard drugs. Among those taking part is David O'Dowd, brother of Boy George.

3.00 Three Little Words. The last in the quiz game series. 3.25 Thames news headines 3.30 The Young Doctors, Medica drama serial set in a large Australian city hospital.

4.00 The Giddy Game Show 4.10 The Telebugs 4.20 G.A.B. Adventure serial 4.45 Spleat Michael Groth examines the world of art photography and the latest video techniques. 5.15 Blockbusters, General

knowledge game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness. 5.45 News with Alastair Stewart 6.00 Thomas news.

6,25 Reporting London, A comparison between the Metropolitan Police's tactics to combat crime with those adopted by their New York

ITV/LONDON Bill Wigmore. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. Joe Sugden 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. Joe Sugden is put in a spot.
7.30 George and Mildred. Domestic comedy series starring Yootha Joyce and Brian Murphy. Tontight, Mildred takes a shine to a new lodger who seems to be only too willing to do the little jobs around the house that George studiously overlooks. (r)

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overlooks. (r)
8.00 Des O'Comnor Tonight Live.
The entertainer's guests are
Bob Carolgees, Gary Wilmot,
Karen Kay, Jim Davidson and
Russell Hertly.
9.00 First Among Equals. The
Minister of Defence and the
Foreign Secretary become
involved in an unseemly
struggle to become the next
leader of the Conservative
Party. Starring James Faulkner
and Jeremy Child. (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair 10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Carot Barnes. Weather followed by Tharnes

news headfines. 10.30 Viewpoint 86: Back to the Frontier. A documentary on the white versus black confrontation in South Africa. (see Choica)

12.00 Ice Skating. The Tuborg British Figure Skating Championships from Solihull introduced by Nick Owen. The commentators are Simon Read, Betty Calleway, and Nicky Slater 12.40 Night Thoughts from Leonard Cheshire.

TV-AM

6.15 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 0.30 and 9.00; free paid feet at 5.5 center of financial news at 6.35; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; exercises a 6.55; carbon at 7.25; pop music at 7.55; and Jeni Barnett's postbag at 8.35. The After Nine guests include fashion consultant Merrill



Paul Eddington and Nigel Hawthorne in a repeated episode of Yes, Prime Minister (BBC1, 8.30pm)

CHANNEL 4 2.35 Film: Dengerous Venture*
(1946) starring William Boyd. A
Hopalong Cassidy western
adventure in which the cowboy
offers to help an archaological
expedition searching for Indian
relics. Directed by George
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3.45 Years Altead. Zena Skinner
begins the first of a three-part
series on basic first aid; there sense on asscring allo; tries is a critical look at the growth of housing agencies; and an investigation into the many organisations offering older people clears to anable them to raise capital on the value of their homes while remaining

trier nomines wane remaining living in them.
Countdown, Yesterday's winner is challenged by Hugh Westbrook, an aspring thespian from Staines. Richard Whiteley is the questionmenter.

questionmaster.
5.00 Bewitched. American comedy series about a mere male who marries into a family of witches.
5.30 All Stitched Up includes Betty Foster with advice on crutch conversion numbers. (r)

Conversion numbers. (r)
(Oracle)

6.00 Remington Steele. Laura and
Remington are almost run down
by a driverless vintage car
whose four previous owners
each had something to hide.

8.55 Marun Buchatanaangur.

Cartoon.
7.00 Channel 4 News with Nicholas
Owen and Christabel King
includes a report from the United States on the Boesky insider dealing scandal.
7.50 Comment from Susie Reed, a mother and councillor.

8.00 Brookside, Nicholas tells Heather ha is selling the car to raise money for treatment in a clinic - but on the way to the bank he meets Charlie. 8.30 4 What It's Worth introduced by Penny Junor. John Stoneborough visits a travel agency in south London responsible for ruining a number of people's holidays this summer, Bill Breckon is in Oldham talking to pregnant women who have to feed themselves on £10 a week: and David Stafford has the best buys in typewriters.

9.00 Film: Hardhet and Legs (1980) starring Kevin Dobson and Sharon Gless. A made-for-television comedy drama about the unlikely romance between a rough New York construction worker and a sophisticated divorces who lectures on 'modern sexuality' Directed by

Lee Philips. 10.50 It Takes a Worried Man. 10.50 It Takes a Worried Man.
Comedy series starring Peter
Tilbury. (r)
11.29 Soep. Mary Informs Chester
that Danny is really his son and
then tells him that he must
donate a kidney to save
Danny'a life.
11.45 Their Lordshipe' House.
Highlights of the day'a debates
in the House of Lords. Ends at
12.00.

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News, SCOTLAND. 10.59-11.00pm
Determen. 6.35-7.00pm Reporting Scotland.
8.00-8.30 One off the Record 8.30-8.00 No
Place Like Home 9.30-48.00 vo. Prime Minister. NORTHERN SRELAMD. 5.35-5.40pm
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GRANADA As London except 1.20pm-1.30 Cran ports 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Granada Reports 6.26 This is Your Right 6.30-7.00 Crossroads 12.40em Closedown.

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Desics 1.05pm, 2.02, 3.02, 4.02, 5.05, 6.02, 6.45 (mf only), 9.55.
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2.00 Gloria Humiford 3.30
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7.00 Bob Holness Presents
BBC Radio Orchestra 9.00 Sinatra
— A Man and His Music (Benny
Green) 10.00 The Name a The
Game (comedy biography
game) with Barry Cryer, Duggie
Brown, Jeffrey Holland, Don
Maciean. 10.30 Listen to Les (Les
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Little Night Music.

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Radio 3

Weather. 7.00 News
Concert: Debussy
(Danseuses de Delphes;
Voiles: Michelangeli, plano),
Strause (Dance of the
Seven Veils: Toronto
Symphony), Defus (Song
of the High Hills: Ambrosian
Singers/ RPO), Debussy
(Las collines d'Anacapri
hichelangeli). 8.00 News
8.05 Concert (conto): Handel
(Atalanta overture:

8.05 Concert (contol): Handel (Atalanta overture: Capella Saveria), Faureé (Pieno Quartet No 1: Nash Ensemble), Berkeley/Britten (Mont Juic: LPO). 2.00 News
9.05 This Week's Composar: Scriabin. Pleno Concerto in Fisharp minor Concerto in Fisharp minor (Ashkensazy/LPO), Prelude in Gisharp minor. Op 22 No 1 (Scriabin. plano). Sonata No 3 (Gillels, plano) 10.00 Berodin Plano Trio: Schumann (Trio in Finajor, Op 80), and Beethoven (Trio in Gimajor, Op 1 No 2)

Beethoven (Thio In G major, Op 1 No 2) 11.10 BBC Singers (under Ronald Corp.), Milhaud (Three Psalms of David), Poulenc (Meas in G) 11.50 The Basset-horn Revived: Thee King, Stephen Trier, Georgina Dobrée and Daphine Down in performances of Down in performances of Gow's Theme and

variations and Krejci's List z
Dalky

12.15 Concert: BBC Scottish
SO (under Erich
Schmid), with Relph
Kirsirbeum (celto), Part
one, Goein (Sintonia), SaintSeens (Celto Concerto
No 1). 1.00 News

1.05 Concert (part two):
Honeoger (celto 1.05 Concert (part two):
Honegger (Ceilo
Concerto), Haydri
(Symphony No 100)
1.55 Guitar encorres: Roberto
Aussel plays works by
Tansman (Cavatina), Welson
(Three Bagarteles), and
Licbel arrangements of two
popular Catalan songs
2.26 Whom the Gods love.

2.25 Whom the Gods love....: recordings of Schubert's Symphony No 8 (Chicago SO), Schubert's Lazarus, Act 1 (New Philhamonic Act 1 (New Philharmonic
Orchestra and singers
including Sheita Armetrong
and Martyn Hill) and
Arriaga's Hegar, for soprano
and orchestra: O
salutaria (Bilbao SO, with
Angela Denning soprano)
4.10 Haydn and Christopher
Headington: Delma
String Quartet/Demard



3, at 7,30pm Roberts (plano). Haydin (Quartet in G. Op 17 No 5), Headington (Plano Quartet). 4.55 News 5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: a programme of recorded music presented by Geoffrey

Norris 6.30 John Shepperd: Clerkes S.30 John Sheppard: Clerkes of Oxenford perform works including Jesu salvator saeculi, in manus tras Domine I
 7.00 BBC Welsh SO (under Erich Bergel), with Thomas nebt (vlota). Erod (Viola Concerto)
 7.30 Forget Herostratus: Michael Gienn's translation of the ptay by Gregory Gorin. With Mile Gwitym, John Moffatt, Geraldine James, and Joseph Marcell, The period and the place: 356 BC, in Ephesus

S.15 Shostakovich: pert one Borodin String Cuartet play the Cuartets No 4 in D and the No 13 10.05 Django, Kartunketstein and Roses: Paul Maxwell reads the story by Norman Levine

Levine 10.25 Shostakovich: (part two). 10.25 Shostakovich: (part two).

Quartet No 5
11.00 First Night: Clere Boothe
Luce's play at the Old
Vic, The Wornen, is reviewed
by Frederic Raphael
11.10 Rousset: Orchestre
Colonne under Plarre
Dervaux play the Symphony
No 2

11.47 News. 12.00 Closedown.

Radio 4 On long wave. (s) Stereo on VHF 5.56 Shipping. 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Farming. 6.25 Prayer for Today (s) 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.45 Business News. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.20 Letters. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday

8.25 Sport. 7.45 Trought for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel 9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross: 01-580-4411 (New Series) Phone-in with political party Phone-in with political party representatives answering questions about unemployment. Today, the topic is unemployment. Listeners can question Karneth Clarks, Minister for Employment, John Prescott, Labour's spokesman, and Richard Weimwright, Alliance spokesman.

Correspondent. Life and politics abroad.
16:30 Morring Story: The Blush, by Elizabeth Taylor. Reader: June Barrie.
10:45 Pally Service (New Every Morning, page 93) (e)
11.00 News; Travel; Thirty
Minute Theatre: The
Runeway, by Pat Davis. With
Peter Badwin, Frances Peter Badwin, Frances Jester and Avril Clark among

10.00 News; From Our Own

the cast (s)

11.33 Times Perrembered, lan Skidmore talks to Ken Williams, international conservationist and former policeman.
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer advice.
12.27 My Music. John Amis and Frank Murr versus Dens Norden and Ian Wallace. 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One; News
1.40 The Archers. 1.55
Shipping conservationist and

2.00 Naws; Woman's Hour. Andrea Adams investigates the household combutions made by man and woman Also, Sean Barrett starts his readings from Dalene Matthee's book Circles in

a Forest.
3.00 News: The Afternoon
Play. Power Play, by
Dorothy Gharbaoui. With
Linda Wray as the
mother in conflict with her 4.00 News
4.05 Hot Tea and Tender
Skins: Barbara Myers

zre very young children.
4.30 Kaleidoscope, Lest
night's edition,
repeated includes comment repeated.includes on East European Kennady.
5.00 PM News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping. 5.55 Weather.
6.00 News; Financial Report
6.30 Top of the Form, Christ College, Brecon, versus Ripon Grammar School (r) News The Archers August Carammar School (r)
7.89 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4. Michael
Robinson presents the
second of two reports from
southern Africa.
8.00 Medicine Now. Geoff
Watte on the bentity of Watts on the health of medical care.
6.30 The Tuesday Feature:
Windows — Views From
Outside, with Doris Walker Bagg, windowcleans
9.00 In Touch. News, view
and information for
people with a visual 9.30 Aspects of London. Sean
Street presents four
programmes reflecting life in
the capital as depicted in
letters and diaries (3)
Writers.
9.45 Keleidoscope, includes
comment on the RSC
youth festival, and the Turner
Prize for new art.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: A
House for Mr Biswas, by
V S Nalpaul, Part 10, Read
by Gerard Green,
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World
Tonight 9.30 Aspects of London. Sean Tonight 11.30 Today in Parliament 12.00 News; Weather, 12.33 Shipping
VHF (available in England and
S Wales only) as above
except 5.55-6.00am Weather;
Travel, 11,00-12,00 For Travel. 11.00-12.00 For Schools: 11.00 Time and Tune (s) 11.20 Time to Move 11.40 Radio Club. 1.55-2.00pm For Schools: 1.55-2.00pm For Schools: 1.55-2.00pm For Schools: 1.55-2.00 Ago 2.25 Contact 2.40 Radiovision History of Britain, 5:00-5:55 PM (continued). 12.30-1.10mm Schools night-time broadcasting (s) Economics broadcasting (s) Economic O-fevel - Case Studies in

Production 12.30 3: Large Firms — British Petroleum ptc. 12.50 4: Public Enterprise

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Sangster (left) and Dickinson in their early days at Manton

Dream partnership is over

By Michael Seely and Charles Benson

association with his private trainer, Michael Dickinson, as the end of a dream".

Dickinson, the hottest property in racing after breaking all records as a National Hunt trainer, signed for Sangster some two years ago to take over the fabled Manton establishment.

Sangster beat Charles St George and also an Arab syndicate for his signature. and it seemed a shrewd arrangement: Dickinson, young, keen, successful in his field; Sangster the top man in world racing with a battalion of first-class mares and stallion nominations to fuel the firmace of horse-power.

Dickinson toured the world, notebook ever in his hand, learning the new business. He had already been all over Britain and Ireland and taken in France. Now he was in Australia then the United States. But, even with 46 equine bluebloods in new yards designed for 60 horses, success eluded him.

Sangster, as ever, was pa-tient and philosophical. He

Robert Sangster last night felt he had the right man. He described the break-up of his never expected a landslide in the first year, nor, perhaps, even the second. Dickinson's contract extended to October

> But it was not so much the lack of success - four victories in the first season, two of them with one of the older horses bought to help lead and teach the two-year-olds - as the lack of communication which eroded the relationship.

"You could say it was a personality clash, an irretrievable breakdown in relations. explained Sangster last night, sadly, almost embarrassed.

"I love my racing and I enjoy my relationships with my trainers all over the world. When I signed Michael I considered myself lucky to get a genius. But we cannot communicate any more and that takes all the fun out of it.

"I don't blame Michael for everything. He works very hard and he's got his own ideas. He says he will win seven Derbys and show as all. I hope he does - really, I do. But he and I just don't see eye

Ironically, the breakdown has occurred in the past month, some weeks after newspaper reports that all was not well. These reports, though wrong at the time. helped to precipitate the split since Dickinson wanted to sue and Sangster was keen to let

sleeping dogs lie.

Dickinson put further pressure on himself to succeed by overspending. The establishment went something like £4

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million over budget and stands the owner in at some £14 million plus the substantial expenses incurred by staff which almost exceeds the horses and, of course, the horses themselves.

Dickinson's policy of run-ning valuable two-year-olds for derisory prize money at minor and distant meetings sometimes escaped normal logic, as well as continuously working them on racecourses when he had the best and most varied gallops in England.
The fact that most of the

horses that he ran were unable to win at these minor meetings

educational outing at, say, Newbury or Salisbury, both local tracks, than run up huge travelling bills to Pontefract, Hamilton, and Edinburgh, and still get beaten.

And it escaped the owner's comprehension when the trainer ran his most expensive two-year-old, 950,000-dolfars-worth, at Chepstow, where the colt finished a respectable second, then declared him group two class only to insist, against Sangster's wishes, in running him spain in the Midlands for minimal prize money and getting beates rather than keeping him fresh

for next season. Truly, though, it was the character clash which sealed the fate of the partnership. It was not entirely Dickinson's fault, but he just did not understand Sangster's way of

Sangster likes to watch the horses at his trainers' establishments all over the world, then sit down over a glass or two of wine or champagne and plot and plan. Dream, if you like. Many of

is irrelevant. Just as good for a the past dreams have come young horse to enjoy an true, too, as two Derby winners, three Arc winners, and success in countiess of the world's great races within the past 10 years will testify.

Dickinson had his dreams. too. He is very ambitious, but he doesn't really know how to chew the cad. Early on this year, he announced his mention of keeping "the boss" as he called him, tectoral. Hardly his business, and certainly no way to extract the bubbling best out of Sangster. Another time, in the middle of discussing the horses, he exclaimed: "Right, boss, get padded up. We are going to the nets."

Highly sporting, but not really what Sangster had gone to Manton for.

What now? "We're all allowed one mistake in life." said Sangster last night, adding "the great thing is not to repeat it." So a successor to Dickinson, once his compensation has been worked out, will be carefully considered. There are candidates all over the world from Australia, South Africa.

SNOOKER

A feather

in cap

of Parrott

By a Correspondent

John Parrott smoothly

noved towards his first quar-

ter-final appearance in more than a year at the £300,000 Terments UK Open in Preston

yesterday.
Parrott's progress has been littered with disappointments

since he burst onto the pro-

fessional scene by reaching the

semi-finals of the Lada Classic

Since then the Liverpudlian

has struggled to fulfil the

potential that promised to

carry him to the pinnacle of

the game in record time. Only now is Parrott, aged 22, coming to terms with the

pressures on the £3 million

Parrott's impressive perfor-

mance in the first session of his best of 17-frame third

round match against Steve Longworth, of Darwin, gave

his supporters further en-

Parrott, who sent Johnson, the world champion, tumbling to a 9-1 defeat in the previous

round, again looked in omi-nous form as he opened a 5-2

first session lead. Parrott be-gan impressively as breaks of 63 and 35 gave him the opening frame, but Longworth

Parrott immediately swept

to the next with a break of 32

but again Longworth, a former

van driver, bravely responded

with a 52 break to square.

Parrott though, then produced

a three frame burst, sandwiching two black ball finishes with

a total clearance of 138 in the

Hallett, another young pro-

fessional on the fringes of the

game's clite top 16, looked in

fine form as he carved out a 4-

3 first session lead over Hig-

gins. The Grimsby profes

sional built breaks of 86, 34,

and 50 to lead 2-1, but trailing

44-37 m the next, he saw

took the next 58-49.

sixth frame.

tournament circuit.

at Warrington as a teenager in

Smith attacks cut in **Sports Council grant**

By John Goodbody, Sports News Correspondent

of the Sports Council and ol Liverpool Football Club, yesterday attacked the government for not increasing the Council's grant for next year.

"It is a sad day for British sport. We are very disappointed by the Government's de-cision to hold our spending to £36,984,000, the present level. This is a real cut in our grant aid of 3.5 per cent." Mr Smith said yesterday. He has written a letter to the Prime Minister

to express his dismay.
It is the first time a Sports Council chairman has pub-licly criticized the Government over funding since it became responsible for distributing money in 1972.
The profound dissatisfac-

tion was shared by Sebastian Coe, a vice-chairman, who said: "The Government's degramme, the low-cost facility improvement initiative and driven home - to the Govthe inner city sport projects that will suffer.

It certainly seems a curious decision by the Department of the Environment, who with a budget of £3,500 million cannot make provision for at least the extra £1.3 million which would bring the grant into line with inflation, expected to be about three per cent next year. If only on the grounds of

political expediency it is also odd. After all, the annual conference of the Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR) last week heard that 22 million people in Britain participate in some sport at least once a month.

Many, directly or indirectly, are affected by the Government's policy towards sport cision will hit the most vulner-able areas of sport. It will be the small community scheme, If the Sports Council continue



These figures are expressed in 1986 values. The grant in 1982-83 included £4.25m for additional capital investment; in 1983-84 £0.6m, 1984-85 £0.7m, and 1985-86 £0.7m for the Association of Children's Play and Recreation (ACPR); and in 1986-87 and 1987-88, £5m for the abolition of the Metropolitan counties and £0.7m for the ACPR in each year.

Quality in an age of change.

the local participation pro- their campaign with sufficient vigour this point could be ernment's embarrassment and

It would have had an initial impetus last week at the CCPR conference if the grant figure had been released while delegates were in Bournemouth. Richard Tracey, the Sports Minister, would certainly have had a more frosty reception after his speech to the governing bodies or

instead the grant was only confirmed to the Council on Friday and by that time Tracey was safely back at Westminster and the delegates had dispersed. The timing was

immaculate. Although Tracey did write to the Sports Council last January telling them "not to anticipate any higher level of exchequer funding" for 1987-88, the Council believed that at least inflation would be taken into account. The Department of the Environ-

ment evidently did not. But what has particularly disturbed the Sports Council have received increases in the hudgets. The Department of Environment has given an 8.58 per cent increase to the Countryside Commission (up to £19 million), 3.52 per cent to the English Heritage (up to £64.7 million), and 12.5 per cent to the Nature Conservancy Council (up to £36 million). The Government have also given a 2.519 per cent increase to the Arts Council to £138.4 million. "It seems as if the Sports

Council has been singled out

MPs' action The former Sports Minister Denis Howell and more than 20 other Members of Parliament have tabled a motion in the House of Commons

condemning the Government's The motion calls for change of heart to provide adequate funds for the Sports Council to meet their policy objectives.

for special treatment," Mr Smith said. "Our record in obtaining value for money is second to none. For example, in 1985-86 every £1 provided by the Council for the construction of sports facilities was matched by £19 from either the private or public sectors. This modest reduction in public expenditure will therefore have a dispropor-tionately large effect on the availability of sport for ordinary people.

"We have also been ex-tremely successful in recent years in attracting considerable amounts of money into sport from commercial spon-sors. These funds have enabled us to develop new areas of work and were never intended as a substitute for public funding. It seems the Council is now being penalized for their own success."

Although the Council received an increase of £6.872 million in 1985-86, £5 million of this was a transfer from other Government funding to compensate for the abolition of the Metropolitan boroughs, a sum which has been maintained in subsequent budgets and is to be maintained in

future. Given all these arguments, I expect the Government to reassess the budget. Even if they do not grant the extra £4 million the Sports Council originally demanded, they should receive at least the £1.3 million, and perhaps a little



Cheryl Peake and Andrew Naylor, defending British amateur pairs champions, in a highlight of their routine at Solihull.

MODERN

PENTATHLON Starostin loses title over drugs

By Michael Coleman

Anatoliy Starostin, of the ern pentathion champion, was among 15 leading competitors in the sport who were banned yesterday from competition for two and a half years for resorting to illegal drug aids this year. Starostin was caught out

after winning his title at Montecatini Terme, Italy, in August. He has, accordingly, been stripped of his crown. It is the most humiliating slap in the face ever administered to the Soviet modern pentathlon hierarchy since Boris Onishchenko was discovered to have rigged the handle of his epec in the Olympic Games of 1976 in Montreal so that it reflected hits instead of

To make matters worse for Moscow, four more of their competitors in Italy also returned positive dope tests, including Oleg Plaksin, the silver medal winner in the world junior championships, and Tatyana Chernetskaya, third in the women's contest. Their disqualifications mean that the Soviet Union has been forced to surrender the team gold medals won in both

competitions. But the Soviet teams were by no means the sole offenders. The ten others found guilty at a "trial" conducted in Stockholm yesterday before the executive board of the sport's governing Union Inter-national Pentathlon Moderne et Biathlon were from the United States (two), Poland

(five), and Bulgaria (three).

The Bulgarians included
Velizar Iliev, who won the world junior crown at Montecatini Termi. He, like Starostin, has been ordered to return his gold medal. The official records of all three contests fought out in Italy will have to be rewritten.

Three of the Poles involved committed their offences at the Birmingham contest in June; the rest of those penalized yesterday took drugs, or were obliged to take them by their trainers, in Italy. All the offences relate to taking a sedative-type substance before the shooting event with the aim of steadying the firing arm on the pistol range. However, for many in the

West the biggest surprise among yesterday's revelations is the listing of the American, Blair Driggs, among the offenders. It was his second offence this year and his controversial inclusion in the world's team led to three team colleagues resigning. The other United States athlete caught was Lori Norwood, twelfth in the women's event.

Conway takes lead in compulsories

By John Hennessy

Joanne Conway, the holder, won the compulsory figure section of the Tuborg Lager British women's figure skating championship at Solihull yesterday and so acquired the minimum mark of 0.6 points been plagued by injury and, at 20, she is competing for only the second time. Even so, she the competition.

Fiona Hamiltoo came from virtually nowhere for second place and 1.2 points, with Gina Fulton, last year's junior champion, third on 1.8 points. On these occasions the lower the score the better.

Miss Conway is mature beyond her 15 years and, apart from a small let-down in the second figure, she stood up wonderfully well to the strain of both the cold ordeal of this discipline and the expectations placed upon her young shoulders.

Her trainer, Christa Fassi, has accompanied her from their base in Colorado and seems conspicuously more satisfied with her young protegée than during the St Ivel competition at Richmond, Surrey, in September. They had both worn worried expressions then, but they both seem notably relaxed at Soli-

The omens, indeed, are good. The most obvious danger lying in wait is the combination jump in today's short programme. If that hurdle is safely negotiated, Mrs Fassi feels that Miss Conway will deliver the goods in tomorrow night's free-Miss Hamilton is that rarity

Joanne Conway, the holder, a mong sportsmen and on the compulsory figure women, the possessor of three

the second time. Even so, she was beaten by the narrowest possible margin - four judges to three.

Rebecca Powell, whose recent success in a National Skating Association gold medal test, had encouraged the hope of a strong periormance here, was sadly disappointed. Apparently suffering from nerves, she dropped from fifth place after the first figure, to tenth after the third.

Compulsory figures provide little spectacle, of course, and as often as not the judges command more attention with the variations in their marks. This competition has thrown up an absolute gem in this context, with one skater, Martha Green of Queens, marked equal first in the third figure by one judge and last of the 21 skaters by another.

Their respective marks were a laudable 3.3—anything over 3.0 is perfectly respectable in compulsory figures—and an abysmal 1.9. What a pity the two ladies concerned are forbidden from talking to the

WOMEN'S COMPULSORY FIGURES: 1, J Conway (Sunderland and Gliffigham), 0.6 pts: 2, F Hamilton (Streetham), 1.2; 3, 6 Futton (Sunderland), 1.8; 4, J Fox, (Richmond) 2.4; 5, P Shellard (Southamp-Senderland and

BOXING

Curry ire at Board stipulation

The British Boxing Board of Control yesterday defended their safety-first policy in a row over Bruce Curry, the former World Boxing Council world light-welterweight

Curry, who once fixed a pistol at his trainer, was due to box the British champion, Tony McKenzie in a non-title bout at Battersea on Saturday. But Frank Warren, the co-promoter, said the American had refesed to provide a psychiatric report for the Board and the fight was off.

Warren maintained: "Curry was incensed by the Board's demand. He reckons that if he has been passed fit by his Boxing Commission, that's good enough, and I agree with him."

John Morris, Board sec-retary, said: "We have not demanded from Curry himself a psychiatric report, nor would there have been a psychiatrist waiting for him here. What we wanted was a report from his Commission giving full medi-cal clearance and explaining any psychological problems that existed in view of the incident with the gen, that was a sensible precaution."

Curry faced difficulties due to "psychological problems" after losing his WBC title in 1984. McKenzie will now fight another American, Ford Jenrings, who lost a split decision to Patrizio Oliva, the WBA world champion. Jennings has won 22 of his 28 bouts, lost four and drawn two.

Higgins foul the final black. Nevertheless the Irishman sealed the frame from the re-spotted black, but to Hallett's credit he ploughed on with breaks of 45, 35 and 43 to

Close the gap. SCORES: Perrott leads S Longworth 5-2 (Perrott first) 108-16; 49-56; 74-2; 23-79 49-45; 138-0; 64-50; M Hallett leads A Higgins 4-3 (Hallett first) 120-19; 19-108 88-20; 44-51; 87-49; 70-19; 1-101.

pocket a two-frame lead be-

fore Higgins bounced back to

RUGBY UNION Richmond will study video of Moriarty

Richmond's stormy match at Swansea on Saturday could lead to another trial by video. The Richmond prop. Chris Mills, required six stitches in an eye wound after he was allegedly punched by Swansea's Weish flanker, Paul Moriarty. The hospital gave

his sight the all clear. Mike Humphreys, chairman of Richmond's playing committee, said yesterday: "It was a rough game, and some-body got hurt. Harlech TV covered the match and I will be surprised if we don't ask to see the video. Uotil then, we are saying and doing nothing Later in the game, Swansea's prop, Steve Forster, was sent off for kicking an opponent.

Schmid out

Harald Schmid, the European 400 metres hurdles champion, has pulled out of a series of coaching clinics in Britain because of commit-ments at the West German university where he works. The clinics, sponsored by Minolta, in Belfast, Bracknell and Stoke, have been

SPORT IN BRIEF

Scots toe the line

Random drug tests will be introduced by the Scottish Golf Union in its major tournaments next season. Following a recommendation by the Scottish Sports Council (SSC), the SGU has agreed to undertake tests in senior and youth events.

Competition entry forms will warn players that they may be asked to give a sample for tests, which will be carried out by doctors appointed by the SSC.

All square

Bloemfontein (Reuter) -The Australian rebel cricketers settled for batting practice yesterday as their three-day match against Drange Free State ended in a draw. The tourists reached 100 for one in the final session, opener Steve Smith hitting an unbeaten 54. The South Africans were dismissed for 367 in reply to the. rebels' first innings total of 412 for nine declared.



Gray: No move

in the dark

Billy McNeill, the Aston Villa manager, played down reports yesterday that Andy Gray is likely to become player-manager of Hibernian, the Scottish premier division side. The Scotland international still has 18 months of his contract to run at Villa Park, and McNeill said: "We Park, and McNeill said: "We and Maria Benesten in the know nothing about the situation at all. Neither Hibs nor Kenny Middlemiss, who lost any other club has been in communication with us."

Wade's team Virginia Wade leads the

British tennis team which sets off for The Netherlands today for the European women's team championship in Eindhoven. Accompanying Wade, the captain, will be Annabel Croft, Sara Gomer and Belinda Borneo as well as Owen Davidson, the coach. The team's first match in the round-robin stage will be against West Germany on Thursday, in a group which also includes France.

Sweden edged into a 2-1

Close call

lead over Scotland in yesterday's opening session of the Prudential Cup badminton international at Wishaw. There was victory for Dan Travers and Billy Gilliland in the men's doubles, but defeat for Jennhy and Elinor Allen - beaten 10-15, 16-17 by Christine Magnussen 10-15. 3-15 to Jonas Herrgaardh in the men's

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